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On the beam

THE NEW Albany High School is taking shape, with the frame now a part of the local skyline. Construction crews last Thursday continued work on the steel girders.

No shortfall in 'surprise-free' El Cerrito budget

While the city doesn't face a deficit, services would remain at a 'low level'

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The City Council began a series of budget study sessions this week by hearing presentations from the city's department heads.

City Manager Gary Pokorny presented the proposed \$16 million 2000-2001 city budget to the council last week prior to his announcement that he intends to retire later this summer.

The proposed budget summarizes the coming fiscal year's expenditures, the two largest items coming under public safety. Police and fire services together account for about 58 percent of the proposed general fund expenditures; their

BUDGET SESSION

The City Council will have its next budget study session Tuesday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave. The proposed capital investment program and the city's capital investment needs will be discussed at that meeting.

combined net budgets account for about 70 percent of the city's discretionary spending.

Police services are budgeted at \$4,657,513; fire at \$4,190,577. (Their combined net budgets total to about \$7.6 million) The Community Development Department is budgeted at about \$2.4 million, community services at about \$3.3 million, administrative services at about \$1.5 million and general government at \$425,022.

All the city's departments bring in revenues that help offset expenditures. The

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Children's clothesmaker buys Solano Avenue site for outlet

By Kate Darby Rauch

STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — About 20 years ago, Josie Jurczenia and Anna Tokunaga, wizards at the sewing machine, starting making baby clothes in their Albany homes, selling them to a couple of local clothing stores.

The two women, who met working at the former Poppy fabric store on Solano Avenue, both happened to be pregnant at the time and looking for ways to make a little money while staying at home.

Their work, which they called Sweet Potatoes, was colorful, artsy and 100 percent cotton, featuring silk-screened

patches with whimsical designs.

It took off.

Soon the women, who had acquired a third partner, Ginny Holmes, were operating from an Albany storefront, then a Berkeley warehouse, and finally, today, a corporate office in Berkeley and a huge warehouse in Richmond, with more than 100 employees in the Bay Area. Today all three owners now live in Berkeley.

Now, Sweet Potatoes is coming back to roost in Albany. Or at least to build a roost where the owners will visit from time to time.

The company has bought a half-block-

long building on Solano Avenue where it plans to open its second retail store. The first is located in Berkeley's popular Fourth Street shopping district.

The traffic and congestion of Fourth Street definitely influenced the decision to open a second store, the women said. But they also simply love the idea of coming back to where it all began.

"It's hometown to us, it really is. I have such strong memories of Solano, it's nostalgic. I used to walk up and down the street with my grandmother," said Tokunaga, 45.

"The ambience of Fourth Street has really changed, it's difficult for consumers

to park. We're hoping this will be easier."

Sweet Potatoes, which now includes several brands of children's clothes, is mainly a wholesale operation. The clothes, designed primarily by Jurczenia, are made overseas and distributed to stores nationally and abroad.

The owners would not comment on the value of the company, but their corporate office, on Fourth Street south of University Avenue, is a three-stories high and their labels are found on thousands of clothing racks, mostly in higher end stores.

Though operations are international, Sweet Potatoes likes to run retail shops

to test products, watch customer reaction, and sell off factory seconds, the owners said.

"It's a great way to see the collection together and get an idea of what we're doing," said Jurczenia, 51. "It's a huge learning tool."

The Solano store may have more bargains than its Fourth Street cousin, the owners said.

In addition to opening an Albany store, the company plans to rent several spaces in the single-story 1920's-era building to other child-oriented busi-

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Saturday walk seeks to link ECHS students, residents

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

El Cerrito High School's leadership class is sponsoring the El Cerrito City-Walk so high school students and residents can spend some time together and get to know one another better.

Leadership class spokesperson Christina Jung, a 15-year-old sophomore at the high school, said the walk will start at 11 a.m. Saturday, May 27, at the Community Center, and that everyone in the community is invited.

Walkers will travel west on Mooser Lane to the Ohlone Greenway, then south on the greenway to Fairmount Avenue. From there they will go east on Fairmount to Ashbury then turn north to the high school.

Jung said a carnival-theme family festival with music, games, barbecue food, soft drinks and free T-shirts will be held after the walk on high school campus.

"The purpose is to bring together the community with the high school," Jung said.

She said there are not many community events that both high school students

EL CERRITO CITYWALK

WHAT: A walk around the community; barbecue and games at the end.

WHEN: Saturday, May 27, starting at 11 a.m. and ending around 3 p.m.

WHERE: Start at the Community Center at 7007 Mooser Lane, and finish at El Cerrito High School

WHY: Students from El Cerrito High School are planning the event to step out into the community and to have the community be more involved with the school.

HOW: Sign up at the Community Center, or send your name to City-Walk527@aol.com, and receive a free T-shirt at the walk. Optional pledge forms will be available.

and residents of El Cerrito attend.

"We figured that if we had some event like this and it went really well, then people in the community would think better of the high school," Jung said. "A lot of people are scared of the high schoolers that walk around, and I think it would just give us a better image."

Jung said the walking part of the city walk should take about a half-hour. The post-walk gathering at the high school campus is scheduled to last until about 3 p.m.



GILDA PUENTE-PETERS, of El Cerrito, a member of the Ecuador Folkloric Group of the East Bay, participates Sunday in the Sister Cities Parade and Multicultural Festival in El Cerrito.

Cultures celebrated at Sister Cities Festival

By J.R. Deaton

STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — It was hot and it was fun last Sunday at the second annual Sister Cities Parade and Multicultural Festival.

Marching bands, Boy Scout troops from Kensington and Berkeley, martial arts groups, Chinese dragons, foreign consuls, police officers from the Richmond and El Cerrito departments, an El Cerrito Fire Department fire engine, equine riders from the East Bay Regional Park Volunteer Mounted Patrol, and local civic officials attended the festivities.

Members of the Kensington Symphony Orchestra played music from the back of a white Ford pickup, Mayor Mark Friedman rode along on his bicycle as a co-parade marshal, and Councilman Larry Damon stayed shaded under his "Straw Boss" Stetson rodeo hat from Winnemucca, Nev.

The parade began at the Portola Middle School blacktop area in El Cerrito and ended at the old Alvarado School in Richmond, where the festival was held.

"I think it is important for people to be able to show one another their culture," said Dr. Eve Ma, president of Celebrating Culture and Community, the group sponsoring the parade and festival.

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

Transit-oriented art

El Cerrito artist Emily Duffy, well known for the Mondrian art car she drives around town, has just completed work on a Mondrian bus bench. Sustainable El Cerrito, sponsors of the art bench project, invite you to join Mayor Mark Friedman, AC Transit Director Miriam Hawley, and other officials, staff, and community members to officially dedicate this public art project. Friday, May 26, 9:30 a.m., at the bus stop in front of Fat Apple's Restaurant, Fairmount Avenue (at Colusa), El Cerrito. Accessible by AC Transit Bus #15, or a short walk from El Cerrito Plaza BART station. Contact: Lori Dair, 232-6486, loidair@earthlink.net.

EC Lions Recycle for Sight campaign

During May, the El Cerrito Lions are asking people to look through their draw-

ers and closets for old, unwanted eyeglasses and sunglasses. The Lions have placed collection buckets around El Cerrito to recycle these glasses to people who need them in undeveloped countries. Donation centers are Sunshine Cleaners, Mechanics Bank, Ace Pastime Hardware, Longs Drugs, and El Cerrito City Offices. El Cerrito public and parochial schools are also participating in this Citywide Annual Campaign on behalf of Lions for Sight. For more information call Vena or Dean Flint at (510) 233-6663.

Albany Sports Camp

Albany Sports Camp, now in its eighth year, offers children an array of activities ranging from soccer, baseball, swimming, flag football, jump rope, volleyball, Frisbee, kickball, street hockey and even bocce ball, as well as board games and story telling. Extended care and drop-ins are accepted at the camp,

which has age-appropriate groups and serves watermelon on Friday. The first two sessions and the weeks from Aug. 21-25 to Sept. 11-15 meet on the Thousand Oaks Avenue side of Memorial Park. The remaining weeks meet at Ocean View Park off Buchanan Street. Swimming is Wednesday and Friday at Albany Pool. There is a 10 percent discount for siblings and/or multiple-week registrations and on-site registration is accepted. Early drop-off and extended care are also available and there is a special staff for children age 4-5. For details and fees call 559-8208 or write Albany Sports Camp, P.O. Box 6032, Albany, CA 94706.

AUSD budget session

The Board of Education has called a special meeting to conduct an open session budget study workshop on Tues-

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Ski-masked men break into USD

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — At about 8 p.m. on May 15 an employee at a business on the 600 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that his white Toyota Camry was vandalized while it was parked in a parking lot of a business on the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue. The window had been smashed out and there appeared to be blood on the top of the car. There were no witnesses.

At about 9 p.m. on May 15 officers contacted a subject who was hiding behind the trailer at the Salvation Army parking lot on Solano Avenue. The 61-year-old man was found to have an outstanding warrant from Contra Costa County for theft and Failure to Appear in the amount of \$10,000. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

On the morning of May 15 a business owner on the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue reported that thieves had stolen the newspapers that were stacked outside his business. There were no witnesses.

At about 7:30 p.m. on May 16 officers responded to the 800 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports of a male subject lying in an alley way. Officers contacted the 54-year-old Berkeley man who was found to be intoxicated. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

On the afternoon of May 17 a resident on the 700 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that thieves had stolen two rakes from a shed in her rear yard. There were no witnesses.

At about 8:30 p.m. on May 17 officers contacted two subjects who were "hanging out" in the Safeway parking lot on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue. One of the men had urinated on a wall. He was admonished regarding his behavior and allowed to depart. The other subject, a 52-year-old San Francisco man, was found to have a

No Bail warrant from Berkeley. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

At about 2:30 a.m. on May 18 officers stopped a black '86 Cadillac El Dorado for a traffic violation. The driver, a 27-year-old San Pablo man, originally gave officers a false identification. Officers learned the man's true identity and the man became very agitated when officers started to look inside his car. El Cerrito police were contacted and a K-9 unit was called in. The dog "keyed" up on several locations in the car. The vehicle was impounded and the man was arrested for speeding, possession and sale of drugs, giving a false identification and for driving without a license. He was transported to the Berkeley jail. The passenger in his car, an Albany woman, was transported to her home.

On the morning of May 18 officers stopped a red '91 Isuzu on the 800 block of Pierce Street for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 36-year-old woman, was found to have an outstanding warrant from Alameda County in the amount of \$2,161. She was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

At about 7 p.m. on May 18 the principal at Cornell School reported that a subject had apparently passed out in the bushes in the southeast corner of the school. Officers contacted the 49-year-old Castro Valley woman who was found to be intoxicated. She was arrested and cited to be released when sober.

At about 10 p.m. on May 18 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that about 10 minutes prior she had interrupted two subjects who were attempting to steal her blue '91 Toyota Camry. The subjects were seen traveling north on Pierce Street in a white Toyota Corolla. They were gone when officers arrived.

On the morning of May 19 a res-

POLICE REPORT

ident on the 1200 block of ... Street reported that vandals had broken the windows on her white Dodge van while it was parked ... 800 block of Madison Street. There were no witnesses.

At about 3:30 a.m. on May 18 officers stopped a blue '88 Honda on the 1200 block of Nelana because it had been reported stolen from Berkeley. The driver, a 19-year-old Albany boy, was arrested and released to his parents with a Notice to Appear. The owner of the car was contacted.

At about 4:30 a.m. on May 18 officers contacted a 17-year-old boy near Solano Avenue and Street because of erratic behavior. He was found to be intoxicated, arrested for being a minor in possession of alcohol and released with a Notice to Appear.

At about 4:30 a.m. on May 18 officers responded to a call from a security guard at the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture facility on the 800 block of Buchanan Street regarding a subject who broke into the greenhouse. He was described as a white male, about 5'10", 180 lbs., wearing black pants. They were gone when officers arrived.

During the week of May 15, officers towed four cars, responded to five false alarms, attended to lost or deceased animals, assisted people who were locked out of their house or car, and responded to reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena officers responded to reports of civil disturbances, civil assists, officers stopped 12 vehicles issuing 33 citations and 23 tickets. Albany firefighters responded to one fire call and several other emergencies.

Ocean View School holds poetry flash

HOLY COW! On May 17 I was invaded by a gazillion third graders from Ocean View School (maybe it was only three classes but that many kids area a gazillion to me). All of these exuberant people were by some weird coincidence, poets. Yes, all of them! Some of them were selected to exhibit their poems in the Chamber windows for all the community to revel in their poetry magnificence. Other businesses up and down Solano are exhibiting these treasurers from the Ocean View School as well as the Marin School. There is a really great exhibit at the Library too.

Under the tutelage of Ms. Judith Tannebaum who wrote "Teeth, Wiggle as Earthquakes," in collaboration with Pam Marquardt) all of the third grade students at Ocean View participated in this extraordinary event. At Marin the poetry influence was Alison Seevak. I can't print all of the poems, but here are the ones that are in our window.

CLEAR (BY JOY)
Clear is like glass breaking.
Clear is like tears coming down someone's face.

Clear is like a fountain full of water.
Clear is also like the clouds in the sky.

YELLOW (BY SUNG-YEOL)
Yellow is like lightning and thunder.
Yellow is too scary like thunder.
Yellow is like a dog's tail moving.
Yellow is like a big dragon.
Yellow is like the sun.
Yellow is like a sun and moon.
Yellow is like a car driving like funny.

RED (BY ROSS)
Red is blood when you fall.
Red is my heart pounding with fear.
Red is the color of the Devil.

Albany Chamber

By Roxanne Wiley

Red is the color of hatred.
Red is a meadow in the sky.
Red is madness in your heart when you get mad.
Red is the color of Darth Maul, of his light saber.

UNTITLED (BY JORDAN)
There is a horse in me.
Horses are wild for me.
The horse makes me excited.
The horse takes me on trails, long trails.

We see birds and more animals.
It is in the jungle.

BLACK (BY ROY)
Black is angry.
It is the night sky.
Storming over me.
It is the lead on a pencil being hit against white paper.
Black is angry.
It is the color of a garbage bag.
Which makes it mad.

MY MOM (BY CRYSTAL)
My mom's eyes are as brown as a Branch on a tree.
Her arms are warm when she hugs me.
Her hair is black as the silent night sky.

She is beautiful as a butterfly.
She is nice like a new bird.
Her smile is bright as the sun.

UNTITLED (BY WILL)
There is a cat in me
It is my love and my care and my happiness.
There is a shark in me
He is hitting his tail against me
It makes me ache!
I get mad
It starts to make me cry.
Rain comes from my cloudy eyes.
The rain makes the shark go

away
And the cat come back.

TO MY MOM (BY ELISE)
May the moon light up your heart with joy
May the sky and clouds fill your hands
May your hopes always come true
May God lift your soul into heaven when you die.

UNTITLED (BY JOHN)
Blue is the inside me.
It is happy.
It fights the rage in me.
Blue is a stream of happiness.
Red is the madness stream.

Now I do not know about the rest of you, but in the third grade all I could accomplish was to barely read and write, not, pray tell, write poetry beyond the usual jump rope lingo. Bravo to all of these young people for grasping concepts beyond their years.

Play It Again Toys and the Solano Copy Center have poems on exhibit as well as do the Library and Community Center. Take a stroll around town and take in some of third grade culture. You'll be glad you did.

Reminders

YMCA's Summer Adventures Day Camps 2000 for children from kindergarten through tenth grade are accepting enrollment registration for a myriad of adventure camps from June 20 through Aug. 25. Contact the YMCA, 921 Kains Avenue, Albany, 525-1130. Albany Recreation and Community Services also offer summer camps. Call 524-2800 for more information.

Stolen checks lead to five arrests

EL CERRITO — The afternoon of May 17, a man who allegedly stole checks and other property from a house in Vallejo was arrested after attempting to cash one of the checks at California Check Cashing on 10394 San Pablo Ave.

A police sergeant arrested the suspect after stopping a vehicle whose passenger matched the description of the man at California Check Cashing on the 2600 block of Carlson Boulevard. When he searched the car, he found a number of checks and some of the stolen property.

Four other occupants in the car, a woman a three men, were also arrested for possession of stolen property and check forgery. They were then transported to the Contra Costa

County Main Detention Facility.

A 46-year-old El Cerrito woman recently reported that someone who obtained information on her checking account and Visa card account number has charged over \$1,200 in the past two months. Allegedly, the person has made charges to Sprint, Pac Bell, Round Table Pizza, 1800Flowers.com and Essence By Mail. There were no suspects at the time of this report.

The morning of May 3, police found a blue Civic Honda that had been reported stolen at the El Cerrito Plaza, next to the 6700 block of

Fairmount Avenue.

Another vehicle, a four-door maroon Saturn, was reported stolen the afternoon of May 7. The car was last seen parked at the intersection of Liberty Street and Central Avenue.

The afternoon of May 18 a year-old Berkeley man was up for public intoxication on Avenue at Norvell Street. As he was being taken to the county jail, the suspect spit on a police officer twice, made death threats towards the officers and their

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'Red diaper baby' finds his niche



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Man About Town

with titles like "Fashionable Cynicism," "Which Side Am I On?" and "Planetary Citizen" which reflect Joady's wry humor and global view. His favorite is "Red Diaper Baby," a phrase used to describe communists and far lefties (The Down Home Music Store in El Cerrito still stocks the album.)

"I was a red diaper baby," Joady laughs, "and I might use that for a title of my memoirs. I was named for Tom Joad in Steinbeck's 'Grapes of Wrath.' My mother, Marjorie, was a Martha Graham dancer, and we were known as Woody Guthrie's New York family."

Currently Joady is neither playing nor penning his memoirs. He is writing short stories about a "plausible future" when the only nuclear energy plants are operated by a global consortium. This has brought about a more cooperative world with better waste handling and reduced fears of war and terrorism.

Joady says he is trying to, "convey a message about the future of nuclear and other renewable energies under the guise of science fiction." He is doing this through a series of related stories told by members of another civilization on another planet.

The collection, to be called "A Lot Like Earth," is nearing completion. "I've got to find a publisher who is not too left wing," the former red diaper baby chuckles, "because they might think I was too pro-nuclear." Joady relishes this irony, and although no longer a doctrinaire leftist, he still enjoys political and other discussions with people from all walks of life who stop by his table.

Someday we may be able to read Joady's vision of a future that just might come true. The father of all red diaper babies, Karl Marx, was once an unknown scribbler in a London library, but what he scribbled profoundly affected the



JOADY GUTHRIE writes science fiction about a "plausible future" for nuclear energy and talks with many people on the corner of Solano and Kains avenues in Albany.

past century and menaces us yet.

The future is shaped by the visions of individuals who seldom conform to the mold of their time. No conformist, Joady Guthrie has found a corner of the world where he can dream and write; perhaps the world will find him there.

ENOUGH ALREADY! I've had it up to here with alleged earthquake experts vying to top each other in dire predictions. I always figured these people were either after a grant, free publicity, or just liked scaring the bejabbers out of the rest of us.

But when I saw a story predicting a 30-foot Tsunami wave in Lake Tahoe in the event of an earthquake, I learned a new reason for shaking us up: the doctoral thesis! Gene Ichinose, a graduate student at the University of Nevada-Reno Seismological Laboratory is one of two scare artists responsible for this tsunami prediction.

"We can't go to the bottom of the lake and sample the faults," said Ichinose, who apparently lacks diving gear but not the desire for a Ph.D. He therefore based his prediction on a fault five miles away!

Peering deeper into his crystal ball, Ichinose figured there was only a "3 to 4 percent chance of that happening in the next 50 years." The young scientist then allowed, sotto voce that the lake dwellers are much more likely to

be done in by a fire or flood. But that didn't stop him from giving the story to the Associated Press knowing full well how it would be played.

There are, of course, serious seismologists doing legitimate research. Shortly after the Tsunami shuck, I read that Caltrans and UC Berkeley scientists had, "unveiled a new earthquake simulation test they say is the most advanced in the country, able to shake a model of a bridge span horizontally and vertically."

Information gained from this study will be used to keep real bridges up during a temblor and not to advance the hidden agendas of publicity seeking researchers. But I'm not going boating on Lake Tahoe again just in case Ichinose was right about that 30-foot wave.

EL CERRITO IN BRIEF

Plaza schedule

Regency Realty Corp., the expected soon-to-be new co-owner of the El Cerrito Plaza, has informed the city that it plans to close off part of the Plaza parking lot one week earlier than expected.

"The new schedule is to fence off the area east of Liberty Avenue on June 27, 2000, with the excavation for the storm drain work beginning on June 28," Acting Community Development Manager Steve Mitchell said in a report to the City Council last week.

"In addition to fencing off the area, Regency Realty has agreed to Council member Gina Brusatori's suggestion that the remaining parking lot be enforced to ensure there will still be parking available for customers of the existing businesses in the shopping center," Mitchell added.

The west sidewalk of Liberty Avenue will remain open for access until the pedestrian ramp connecting the Ohlone Greenway to the Plaza is completed.

This week, Regency Realty will be posting signs at the Plaza and putting fliers on cars to explain the coming changes to BART parkers. The fliers suggest "alternative parking options" that include parking at the Richmond, North Berkeley or Del Norte BART stations.

"It is Regency's plan that the Plaza's major tenants — Bed Bath and Beyond, Old Navy and The Gap will be open in the fall of 2001, followed by Albertson's in November 2001," Mitchell reported.

Every 15 Minutes

Police Chief Scott Kirkland reports that the Every 15 Minutes anti drinking-and-driving program presented last week to El Cerrito High

School 11th and 12th graders was "well received by everyone."

"Over the course of the two-day program, the students and faculty were witnesses to a simulated drunk driving collision on the football field," Kirkland said. "The accident scene depicted an actual collision including seriously injured and deceased occupants. The actors were students at the high school."

Kirkland noted that the students "observed a depiction of the carnage that may occur when people drive drunk and the manner in which police, fire and other emergency responders handle such an incident."

The students also assembled to hear guest speakers and to watch a videotape of the arrest and booking of the suspected drunk driver, emergency room treatments of the injured and official notification of the next-of-kin.

The program, Every 15 Minutes, gets its name from the frequent deaths that occur nationwide from dangerous mixture of alcohol and driving.

"The impact of this program upon students was revealed at the conclusion of the assembly where tears flowed and hugs were received," Kirkland reported.

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Local Orthodontist
Died in Concord on Sunday, May 14, 2000 at Mt. Diablo Hospital, age 59 years. He was a native of Chicago, IL; a resident of Vacaville, CA.

Loving husband of Lisa Seely Gillooly; father of Laura Gillooly of San Luis Obispo, Nicole Marie Cook of Arizona, and Colin Charles Gillooly of New York. Beloved son of Frances Gillooly of Oregon and the late Charles Sr., adored brother of Judy St. Dennis of Sierra City, David of Indiana, and Donald Gillooly of Washington; grandsons Reilly and Keegan Cook; and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves in-laws Glenna J. and David A. Seely of Kensington, CA.

Dr. Gillooly graduated from Seton Hall, NJ in 1964, UCSF 1967, member of OMICRON KAPPA UPSILON honorary dental society Rho Rho Chapter 1967. Past President of Berkeley Dental Society 1979-80. Also taught high school biology and advanced math at Redwood High School, San Francisco, and track coach. He practiced in El Cerrito and Fairfield for a total of 33 years. He enjoyed reading, computers, and sailing.

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The concert's soloist will be flutist Richard Lohman, who will play "Poem" for flute and orchestra by the early 20th century American composer Charles Griffes. Lohman lives in Albany and, for many years, has been an outstanding math and science teacher at Albany High School. He

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A fond farewell to 'your pal Al, the guy with a heart'

"I haven't had a very distinguished career," said KCBS newsmen Al Hart to me the other day.

My jaw dropped. "My God, Al, how can you say that?" I asked. "In poll after poll, you're always named as the best radio anchor in the Bay Area, as well as the best liked. And you've won every journalism award there is."

"No, no," he demurred. "That was just luck. I'm just one of those guys who fell into something that fit my meager talents."

"That's Al, through and through," says KCBS News Director Ed Cavanaugh. "It isn't false modesty; he's an honestly humble man."

But speaking professionally, how good is he?

"The best, period," says Cavanaugh. "There's no one who can touch him. I've never heard anyone who can convey the emotional content of the story the way he can. But it's never forced or over-the-top. It's always perfectly natural, because Al is always sincere."

"He's a dream to work with," says another KCBS staffer. "It's long been an open secret around here that when John Madden left KNBR and was looking for another station to hook up with, he turned down much bigger money from other stations to come to KCBS, because he wanted to work with Al."

Madden was no fool. Next week, listen to his byplay with Al and notice the subtle way Al sets him up, like Abbott feeding punch lines to Costello. Then notice how seamlessly Al slips from the jock talk to sophisticated political analysis with Mark Sandalow in Washington, D.C., or talking food with Narsai David, or shmoozing about movies with Jan Wahl. It's all done so seemingly effortlessly, like Fred Astaire dancing.

"Al has been my idol, both as a journalist and as a human being, for my entire career," says KCBS reporter Mike Sugerman (no small talent himself). "I always say that I want to be like Al Hart when I grow up."

Sugerman's feelings are echoed in other newsrooms. "He's the standard of excellence," says Berkeley's Tom Newton, assignment editor at Channel 4. "On top of that, he's an ethical man in a business that has had too many ethical lapses lately. It makes us all feel a little cleaner because Al is in this business, too."

"The thing that is unique about Al is his voice," says David Hosley, General Manager of PBS station KVIE-TV in Sacramento. "Listeners feel he's talking to them as individuals. It's very rare to generate that feeling simply through the warmth of how one says things. Al is one-in-a-million that way. It's a priceless gift, and he shares it with all of us who listen."

And that brings me to the reason why so many reporters and editors throughout the Bay Area were saddened by Al's sudden announcement last week that he's hanging up his mike after 52 years in broadcasting, the last 34 as the voice of KCBS. As good as he is as a newsmen, he's even better as a person.



MARTIN SNAPP

Snapp Shots

"I always wished Al was my Dad," says his former KCBS colleague, editor Dixie Mitchell-Crow. "Not that there's anything seriously wrong with my own Dad. It's just that if you added up all the traits that make the perfect Dad — nurturing, witty, kind, funny, sophisticated, feminist and smart — you get Al Hart."

"He's the anti-prima donna," says Andy Ellis of Albany, a longtime engineer at KCBS. "When I started here as a desk assistant, many of the anchors would shout over the intercom. 'Hey! I need some more coffee in here!' But Al would never do that. Instead, he'd go get coffee for you."

"He never thinks of the show as 'his' show, even though it really is," Ellis adds. "He thinks of himself as a member of a team, and he treats the morning crew as his colleagues, not his flunkies."

He also talks them up behind their backs. I remember the time a few years ago when his co-anchor Lois Melkonian was trying to get a job in television. Ubeknownst to her, Al was surreptitiously feeding me stories for my column that made her look good, hoping the publicity would improve her bargaining position. (Apparently it did; she's now with Channel 7.)

"It's a far cry from the blindsiding and backstabbing you usually find in this business," says Ellis.

Al Hart was born Jan. 2, 1928, in Minneapolis, Minn., the last of seven children. His father was a bookkeeper, but he lost his job when Depression hit shortly after Al was born. So his mother had to hire out as a domestic.

"She washed and ironed clothes and scrubbed floors," says Al. "It's too bad, because she was a very intelligent woman. She loved the classics, and she could still recite Shakespeare when she was 90 years old. She'd have been a wonderful teacher, but it turned out not to be her lot in life."

In 1946 Al left home for the first time to enlist in the Army Air Force, where he was trained to be a weatherman. After he got out the next year, he went to radio school on the GI Bill.

After only a month in school, he spotted a job listing at station WOBT in Rhinelander, Wisconsin. He applied and was hired as a combination announcer/writer/news-caster/disk jockey.

"It was just like 'WKRP in Cincinnati,'" he recalls. "The big bossy receptionist, the salesmen who wore yellow shoes and plaid coats, and the manager who was given the job because he was the son-in-law of the guy who owned the station."

In 1949 he went back to Minneapolis to attend the University of

Minnesota. He intended to stay until he graduated, but nature intervened.

"In 1950 it snowed in June," he says. "And I said to myself, 'Man, I want out of here!' So I looked for jobs in places that were warm."

He found one at station KEEL in Shreveport, La. ("Fun 71, K-double E-L in the heart of the Ark-La-Tex"), where the program director put him on the air under the name "Your Pal Al, the Guy with the Heart."

It was about this time that a talent scout from Mercury Records signed him to a recording contract as a crooner. He cut several sides for Mercury, including what he calls "my biggest hit," a little ditty titled "Tears Are Only Rain To Make Love Grow."

How big a hit was it?

"Let's put it this way: My overseas royalties totaled four cents. There were no domestic royalties."

He stayed in the "heart of the Ark-La-Tex" until 1960, when he took a trip to the Bay Area to visit his friend Vic Berger, the program director who had given him that very first job back in '46 in Rhinelander, Wis. (Berger had moved here and had changed careers; he became a Berkeley cop.)

Al fell in love with the Bay Area at first sight, and took a job as program director at KABL, where he worked for the legendary Gordon McClelland. Together, he and McClelland dreamed up many of the outrageous promotional events that have since become San Francisco

traditions, including the St. Patrick's Day Snake Race and the Cable Car Bell Ringing Contest. In 1965 he moved to KNBR, where he beefed up the staff with broadcasting legends like Frank Dill and Russ "the Moose" Syracuse.

In 1967 he came to KCBS as producer for the reigning king of the morning rush hour, Dave McElhatton. For both men, it was one of the most enjoyable times of their lives. They had a great time inventing goofy characters for Al to impersonate, including The Mystery Troubadour (who sang the headlines) and Larry Fatooker, coach of the Milpitas Mud Hens.

"We made a lot of people in Milpitas mad at us with that one," recalls McElhatton, laughing at the memory. "They were threatening to march on the station and burn it down. The funniest thing is that Al was such a great actor, many listeners thought those characters were real people." Two years later, Al became a news anchor, eventually taking over McElhatton's morning slot when Dave left for Channel 5 in 1976.

Since then, he has consistently been named by the public as the best in the business. And his reputation among his peers is even higher.

He is the winner of a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Society of Professional Journalists. He and his show have won a Peabody award, du-Pont-Columbia, Sigma Delta Chi and National Headliner

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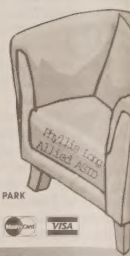
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Opinion

VIEWPOINT

Proposed bicycle shuttle bus for Moeser Lane in El Cerrito

By Peter Loubal

El Cerrito is moving ahead with the Plaza BART bicycle parking facility proposed by Groven Grover Associates (SGA) of Berkeley. This is a practical and especially very pleasing design. A lot of thought (and money) will go into providing security from theft and vandalism in an unattended operation. The initial project needs to be viewed as a prototype. It deserves full support, and if it fulfills its promise, this type of facility could be expanded to other BART stations.

What is being proposed here is a complementary option, dealing with a different issue within a different time-frame. The Plaza renovation project will displace some 1000 autos presently parked there. The actual shortage of parking spaces may be quite a bit greater because businesses and neighborhood residents can be expected to react and seek protection from the parking overflow.

There are two main impediments to any substantial increase in using bicycles for BART access, (a) bicycle security, and (b) the up-hill location of many potential users.

The following proposal provides low-capital investment and cost-effective means for resolving both problems:

Route

Provide bus service up and down Moeser Lane, with a bicycle trailer of the type used by bike touring firms. The operation would be for just three hours (or possibly less) during the afternoon and evening, i.e. uphill only. Turn-around would be speeded up by using two trailers. An unhitched trailer would wait at the bottom and be loaded by arriving bicyclists. The arriving bus would return an empty trailer, hitch up the full one, load passengers, and proceed to the top of Moeser. The uphill trip can be readily accomplished in four minutes, the downhill trip in three minutes. If we add a total of three minutes at both ends to re hitch, embark and disembark, the total round trip would take ten minutes. Maximum frequency of service with a single bus could therefore be six trips per hour.

Capacity

A mid-size 32-seat bus with occasional standees would provide a maximal capacity of 6 x 33, i.e. 200 uphill users per hour. Obviously, the bus would generally not be full. Also, the bus could also be made available to walkers wanting a ride to the top or just mid-way. Furthermore, at periods of lesser demand, the bus could wait a bit longer to fill up, somewhat reducing service frequency. All-in-all a realistic patronage goal for the first year of operation would be some 200 to 300 bicyclists on an average weekday. Note that that just this amount in effect replaces the new spaces of the proposed Measure-C parking garage (which will hopefully not be built).

Security

BART should provide a fenced area, under roof, south of the main station entrance, with racks for about 300 bicycles. A single entrance/exit would channel users past a control point staffed by a

single person. Numbered tickets, possibly with counter-signatures, could be used to assure that no one can take off with someone else's bike. Valet service, like in Berkeley, would provide a somewhat different option. Consideration may be given to coupling bicycle storage with a bike-shop concession, to reduce costs. A surveillance camera could be used for added (albeit after-the-fact) security. Note that this proposal is much less capital intensive than what is proposed by SGA, but any costs are of course on-going. BART's investment should be offset by added patronage. Also, the fencing and racks could be moved to another station when the SGA design is enlarged.

Cost and financing

A suitable bus would cost \$65 to \$100 per hour (driver, amortization, operation), with service provided by AC Transit (if interested), SFO Airporter, or some other company. Bus costs, operating 2 1/2 to 3 hours each weekday, would therefore amount to about \$75,000 per year. Assuming that security can be provided for \$100 per (week)day, i.e. \$25,000 per year, the whole project would require some \$100,000 per year. Such monies are available from bicycle demonstration grants. It can probably be assumed that such a project would garner a lot of gratis support as regards equipment, promotion, etc. If the first year is successful, and the 300 per day bicyclist level is achieved, one should be able to assume that each user would be ready to pay \$1 for an uphill trip. This would essentially cover the bus costs of ongoing operation after the first subsidized free-ride year.

Other considerations

Up and down Moeser would make for the most frequent and highest capacity service. Bicyclists would then have to ride the 0.8 mile from BART to bottom of Moeser to load their bikes. An alternative would be to have the bus return to the BART station during some of the trips, to take on walking passengers for the trip to the top, or part of the way.

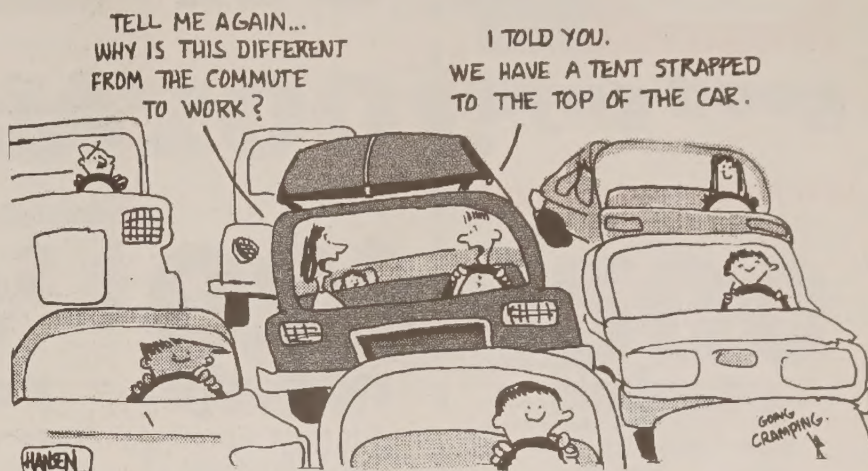
Usage on rainy days could be expected to be greatly reduced. On the other hand, users could be expected to get to know each other and form ride-sharing groups for just such contingencies. They could also prevail on the bus driver to be more flexible on the return route to drop them off closer to home.

There is really no good way to guess at potential ridership other than try implementing the service, and see what happens. The potential patronage area would certainly be much larger than just El Cerrito and Kensington, and encompass much of North-East Berkeley. Bicycle usage as access to public transit is more prevalent in other U.S. communities, and forms a major mode of access in other countries. Hopefully, a scheme like proposed here would help to get things moving in the Bay Area. There remain unresolved issues. For instance, what about unclaimed bikes after the, say, 7 p.m. storage closure time? These concerns would be best resolved in discussions with users, once the service starts.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Be aware of contracting law

I am writing to correct two critical, but unfortunately erroneous, statements included in the guidelines for hiring contractors presented by Danny C. Flanders in the article "Remodeling Right" (Real Estate, May 5).

Flanders included the following erroneous statements regarding California contractor's license and labor laws: 1) "Ask to see proof of general liability insurance as well as worker's compensation, required of any builder employing more than three workers." Worker's compensation insurance is required by law for the first and all subsequent employees, on or off the job site.

There are many plays, legal and illegal, for avoiding this expense, none of which are worth the risk to a contractor, employee or homeowner.

The only "proof" of insurance is to demand a current insurance certificate issued in your name, directly by the insurance company, usually provided by the insurer at no cost. Demand certificates for both worker's compensation and general liability.

2) "Many firms require one-fourth to one-third of the cost in advance, one-third midway and the balance upon completion." Advance payments required by contractors are limited by law to 10 percent or \$1,000, whichever is less. Many techniques, both legal and illegal, are used to circumvent this limit. Be wary of contractors that ask you to pay their suppliers for materials up front. Any substantial contractor will maintain open accounts with their suppliers, therefore not needing large advancements.

I also offer the following supplemental advice:

Don't settle for "...three to five of their clients." Any substantial contractor should

easily provide eight or 10 references. Follow up by calling and questioning these references. If you cannot reach them, demand more current references.

Many potential problems can be avoided by requiring the contractor to provide bonds for your project, for both labor and materials and performance. Such bonds usually cost about 1-3 percent of the project, and may result in a minor additional expense for the homeowner.

There are many specific notices and statements required by law to be included in the contract for any type of work, such as beginning and completion dates, notices regarding lien potentials, etc.

If you are unsure about any aspect of your project or the contractor you are presented with, call the Contractor's State License Board: 800-321-2752 or visit their Web site: <http://www.cslb.ca.gov/index.html>.

The best advice in this article was "...don't let price alone determine your selection." Money perceived as saved early can quickly become merely a down payment on problems later on.

Hire a contractor committed to the quality of his work and professional performance. This will become quickly apparent in your conversations with the contractor and his references.

Such contractors are happy to comply with requests for substantiation of their business and reputation.

They will know you are committed to quality and professionalism and are not about to work with their illicit competitors who circumvent the law, at your risk, while touting their low prices because that is all they have to brag about! If you don't feel good about the guy, don't contract with him!

Follow these and Flanders' guidelines, and you will hire a qualified, competent profes-

sional that will determine whether your project is exciting or a nightmare!

Torrey Young
Oakland

Keeping things on a human scale

While it might be reasonable to require slightly wider driveways for renovations (front page story on parking, May 12), I hope the Planning Commission will be cautious. Instead of redesigning our town around bigger and bigger cars, perhaps we should consider buying cars that fit into our town. The beauty and charm of Albany is that it is designed around people - particularly people on foot - not cars. It has the charm of a small town because everything is small: small lots, relatively narrow streets, small shops, and yes, narrow driveways. What's nice is that we have houses that face the street with friendly porches, not big garages, sidewalks for walking and playing, and housing adjacent to retail areas.

The design of Albany is not particularly car-friendly. But while it may seem natural to make "modern" accommodations for cars, we should remember that the very things that make things difficult for cars here (dinky garages, limited parking on Solano) make things good for pedestrians and community life. What the Planning Commission should be looking at is restricting the building of new two-car garages that face the street with a blank stare. If we allow many more of these garages to become the face of our city, we will start looking like the sprawling cookie-cutter suburbs where nobody walks and people drive home straight into their garages without having a chance to say hi to their neighbors.

Susan Moffat
Albany

Learning the sobering significance of Memorial Day

For the longest time, I couldn't understand the point of Memorial Day. Until last year, I thought it was an excuse to shop and lounge on the beach on a warm May afternoon. I didn't mean to be disrespectful. I simply had no way of knowing that Memorial Day is so much more than a three-day weekend.

That all changed with a July visit to the Luxembourg American Cemetery and Memorial. At the time, I was traveling through Europe with the Sound of America Honor Band and Chorus. Even though it was listed in the itinerary, I was not expecting to visit a cemetery during our 18-day concert tour of western Europe. Somehow checking out cemetery plots pales in comparison to seeing the Eiffel Tower for the first time.

Gray clouds hung low in the sky, as overcast as our collective mood. We were nearing the end of our whirlwind six-country tour and in no mood to hang around grave sites all morning. The parking lot was deserted. I suppose the cemetery isn't exactly your average tourist trap.

As I got off the charter bus, I was surprised to hear my choral director call my name. I didn't realize he even knew who I was since it had only been 20 days since our first rehearsal in Pennsylvania. Not only that, I was one of 100 singers. How did he know me? More importantly, what could he possibly want from me? I stopped in my tracks and expected the worst.

Nothing could have prepared me for my director's ensuing question. "Will you represent the choir?" he asked. Without even waiting for an answer, he handed me a bouquet of flowers. He explained that it was tradition for the band and choir to place bouquets on General George S. Patton's grave. I was confused beyond belief. Who was General Patton and why on earth did my director pick me? I had no relatives who fought in World War II. If someone wanted to know about the Battle of the Bulge, I would have to describe obesity. Surely there was someone else in the choir who had a better sense of history than I did.

But the next thing I knew I was facing the grave of this mysterious

general and trying so hard not to cry as we sang about angels and green valleys. We had performed the same songs countless times before but somehow the music and our surroundings touched a nerve in all of us. I was surprised to feel even my own throat tighten up. Even though I had no personal connection to anyone buried in the cemetery, what I saw moved me immeasurably. Rows upon rows of white marble crosses were perfectly aligned, perfectly still and perfectly humbling. I realized that an untold story lay behind each of the names etched into the memorial walls. It didn't seem fair that no one would get to hear those stories ever again.

We spent the rest of the morning wandering around the cemetery, pausing only to wipe away the pools of tears that formed around our eyes. Even the guys let down their guard to mourn for those who died even before we were born. Someone remarked that no one really wins in war but that everyone loses when people have to die in the process. This was never more

Objects in the mirror are closer than they appear

By Amy Chen

poignant than when we found the grave belonging to the only woman buried on the premises. We gasped at the eerie but compelling coincidence. According to the date on the cross, this woman had died 54 years ago to the day of our visit on July 24.

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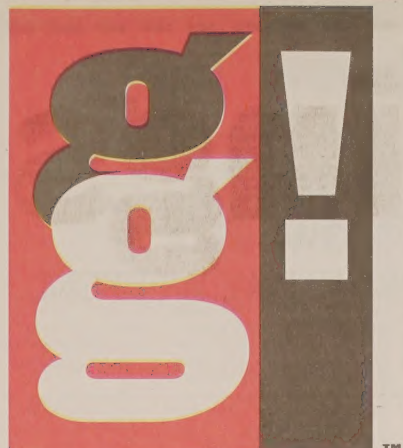
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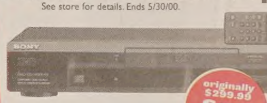
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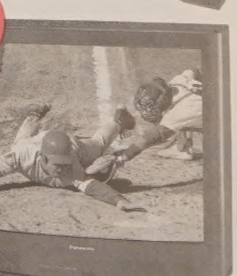
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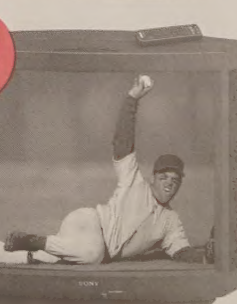
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A pocket of full of posies

The Friends of Baxter Creek will hold their second annual Plant Sale fundraiser on June 3 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Key and Conlon in El Cerrito (one block up from Home Depot). The group can use your donations of items to sell. Suggested donations include trees, shrubs, native grasses, succulents, ground covers, vines, bulbs, cuttings, seeds and planters (wood, clay and plastic pots, plant stands) usable garden tools, garden twine, and netting, gardening books, garden furniture, and new plastic bags for garden debris. Please do not donate garden chemicals, fertilizers (except in unopened containers), or soil. All money raised

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Wildcat Creek walk

The West Contra Costa County Sierra Club is hosting a Memorial Day weekend walk near the mouth of Wildcat Creek on Sunday afternoon, May 28. Visit the reclaimed marsh at the mouth of Wildcat Creek and walk part way up the Wildcat Creek trail to the playground by Verde School. The trail is wheelchair accessible. It is quite level, except where it crosses beneath Richmond Parkway. Meet: 1 p.m. at Del Norte BART, west side or 1:30 p.m. in parking lot of Wildcat Creek View Point on the Richmond Parkway between Gertrude and Pittsburgh. For more info, call Debbi Landshoff at 510-233-9733.

Police

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and was subsequently arrested for battery on a police officer.

■ The window of another vehicle on the 800 block of Kearney Street was allegedly shattered by a BB gun the night of May 8. The incident is one in a string of similar ones that occurred the same night.

■ The afternoon of May 6, the purse of a 64-year-old woman shopping at the Dollar Warehouse on 10734 San Pablo Ave. was allegedly stolen after she set it on a shelf for a couple minutes to arrange the items in her cart. There were no suspects at the time.

■ The afternoon of May 17, a fight broke out between two youths on the sidewalk near the intersection of Schmidt Lane and Lawrence Court. The suspect, a member of an Asian gang, allegedly hit a 13-year-

old boy in the face with his fists, choked him, threw him to the ground and kicked him in retaliation for a fight that took place a month ago.

■ A 44-year-old Berkeley woman who is an employee of a temp agency was reported to police for allegedly stealing the wallet of a 33-year-old Vacaville woman. The suspect was traced after the victim's credit card was used to make charges at the Target Store on 11450 San Pablo in El Cerrito.

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Snapp

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the Year awards from the Foundation Fighting Blindness — for his work on their behalf, which he does in his usual self-effacing style. ("Whenever he says, 'I'm going out to lunch,'" says Andy Ellis, "it actually means he's going out to do a benefit for some charity.")

And Mayor Willie Brown has declared official "Al Hart Day" in San Francisco not once but twice: once in 1996 and again earlier this year.

Not bad for a guy who didn't have a very distinguished career, huh?

But that career will come to a close one week from today, when Al signs off from his last broadcast. (Don't expect any grandstanding on the last day; that isn't his style.)

It's lasted 52 years, and he's in such good shape, he looks like he could go 52 more. But a couple of weeks ago he decided to retire when his wife Sally was diagnosed with ALS, better known as Lou Gehrig's Disease. He wants to spend all his time with her.

"It took me less than half a minute," he told Bill Mann last week. "My wife is my life."

Commenting on this, Bill wrote, "It's the kind of thing you'd expect from Hart, the epitome of professionalism and class."

And Bill is right, of course. But I know Al would want me to point out that the decision was a no-brainer. If

you knew Sally Hart, you'd want to spend all your time with her, too.

In many ways, she's the female version of Al. She, too, is nurturing, witty, kind, funny, sophisticated, feminist and smart. If more people were like Sally, the world would not only be a nicer place, it would also be a lot more fun.

Sally's illness is just one of many blows that Al has absorbed with a singular lack of self-pity. "He's lost his mother, his brother and — worst of all — his daughter," says his long-time KCBS colleague, Ken Ackerman. "And now this illness of Sally's must be devastating. But you will never, never hear a complaint."

As you've probably guessed by now, Al is a friend of mine. I, too, have been the beneficiary of his

many kindnesses. I don't claim he's perfect; but I've known him for more than a quarter of a century, and if he has a fault, I have yet to find it.

I've had some satisfactions in my own life, and I've even received an award of two. But the greatest honor I've ever had is that this great and good man considers me to be his friend.

Come to think of it, that program director in Shreveport had it right back in 1950. This man truly is "my pal Al, the guy with a heart."

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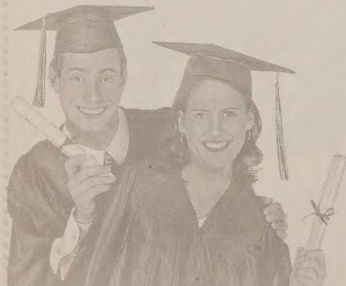
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Standards, testing, and accountability from a different perspective

In a well-publicized move, the ACLU sued the state of California and the state board of education last week charging that the state has violated its own constitution, which offers students a free and equal public education. The ACLU class action may force the state to establish — and then deliver — "minimal educational standards" covering everything from books to teachers, from food to buildings. Two WCCUSD schools Kennedy High School and Helms Middle School were mentioned in the suit.

Up until now the "s" word (standards) has been used until now only to apply to grade-level skills and content knowledge. It is about to acquire a far broader meaning — that we all community, district, and state have the responsibility to guarantee that our children's schools meet or exceed basic standards.

In a similar vein, I received an interesting communication from WCCUSD teacher Betty Buginas on the subject of accountability and testing that I would like to share with you (with Betty's permission of course). The context for her writing was a short electronic dialogue we were having about an article from the May 2000 California Educator (CTA publication) which noted that, "The California State Teacher Association has decided to explore legal avenues for establishing a moratorium on state testing until tests, standards, frameworks and curricula are aligned and until teachers have meaningful participation in the development and administration of the tests."

West County School Watch

By Glen Price

Betty writes, "There is an interesting passage in 'Quality Schools' by William Glasser MD. Although it was written in 1990, it is eerily relevant to what's happening today in California's schools:

Teachers are required to stuff students with fragments of measurable knowledge as if the students had no needs — almost as if they were things. Education is defined as how many fragments of information these "student-things" can retain long enough to be measured on standardized achievement tests. Most competent teachers recognize, however, that this approach has little or nothing to do with what they consider quality education, but their input is either ignored or depreciated by the politically motivated standardizers and fragment measurers who are now in charge.

Legislators are attempting to manage the state education system with threats and rewards, turning its back on the concept that you teach children not a subject, neglecting to involve students and teachers in a meaningful way in decision making. Many of its actions are in conflict with educational research as well as what business knows about good management practices.

I think what would make the most sense is to back up for a minute, on

the assumption that there is no real reason to assume that the politicians in Sacramento have the right answers or even if they do have the right information that, with the political pressures they are under, they are carrying out educational policy in the most rational way.

Setting aside what the state is telling us, let's picture what we think a school should be like. What should children learn and what is the best way to manage children, teachers and administrators? If ensuring our students can make a living is an important factor to you, what kind of skills will they need to work successfully with others in the workplace that will exist when they are out of school?

I'm not necessarily suggesting a legal remedy as the CTA is pursuing. I am suggesting that instead of just reacting to the various things that the state tosses the districts way that the board first have an educational philosophy — do you have a concept of what good teaching is? Do you think it is based on trying to cover an extensive laundry list of skills and facts and having students cram for tests?

It may seem perfectly logical to think that high scores are better than low scores. But picture the classroom you would like to send your young

child into — perhaps you picture a nurturing, warm environment where your child is treated with respect and taught to respect and work with others. Time is made for enriching activities such as art projects and going out into the community and local nature areas for field study. What happens to all this when the teacher is managed with threats and rewards based on how well the children do on a test? How will this affect how she interacts with her students?

What do you do instead to ensure children are learning?

First of all, you supply teachers with enriching materials and training in how to manage and teach children without an elaborate coercion system. You provide an administrator who has the same sort of team-building skills and can serve as part of a support system.

There are plenty of useful assessment techniques available to the state and district that can be used to monitor students' progress. The state is not using the right measures and it is not using them for the correct purpose. It is using them to threaten and bribe, to pit schools against one another. The implication that this sort of coercion is the way to motivate teachers and students is

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Dr. Charles Gillooly

Dr. Charles Jordan Gillooly Jr., 59, who practiced dentistry in El Cerrito and Fairfield for 33 years, died May 14 at Mt. Diablo Hospital. He was a native of Chicago, Ill.

He was the husband of Lisa Seely Gillooly, and father of Laura Gillooly of San Luis Obispo, Nicole Marie Cook of Arizona, and Colin Charles Gillooly of New York.

He is also survived by his mother, Frances Gillooly of Oregon, sister Judy St. Dennis of Sierra City, brothers David of Indiana, and Donald of Washington, grandsons Reilly and Keegan Cook, and many nieces and nephews. He also leaves in-laws

Glenna J. and David A. Selly of Kensington.

His father was the late Charles Gillooly Sr.

Dr. Gillooly graduated from Seton Hall, N.J. 1964, UCSF 1967, member of Omicron Kappa Upsilon honorary dental society Rho Rho chapter 1967. Past president of Berkeley Dental Society 1979-1980. Also taught high school biology and advanced math Reardon High School in San Francisco and track coach.

He enjoyed reading, computers and sailing.

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Budget

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Department, for example, will receive more than \$1.1 million from the Kensington Fire District as reimbursement for fire protection services it provides in Kensington.

Utility services revenues are expected to be almost \$1.3 million and the Department of Waste Management (recycling) is expected to have revenues of more than \$869,000 next fiscal year.

Festival

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hundreds of people participated in the parade. Ma said "What makes the parade is lots of people coming to see it."

Watch

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Why is it assumed that the performance is the fault of students and teachers when the state department have been unable to give them training, supplies, facilities and administrators? Would the solution be to let them bribe?" (Betty Buginas@hot.com)

Sacramento action thought that lobbying activities and WCCUSD debt payments were over E Not under a positive resolution of this

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The three major revenue sources remain property taxes, sales taxes and the city's utility users tax.

Property taxes are expected to bring in just over \$3 million, sales taxes about \$2.4 million and the utility users tax nearly \$2 million.

Last week, Pokorny said there are "no real surprises" in the proposed budget.

"It proposes to continue to operate the services of the city of El Cerrito at the reduced level that we've grown accustomed to in the past few years," he said.

The parade and festival was co-sponsored by the cities of El Cerrito and Richmond. The California Arts Council (CAC) also provided major funding for the event.

People roamed the multicultural festival in dress from countries from around the world, including India, Ecuador, Eastern Europe, Thailand, Argentina, Mexico, Laos, Central

"It does offer new opportunities to invest in facilities reconstruction and maintenance, both because of the positive support by the voters of Measure A, and conservative policies of this and prior city councils," Pokorny said.

Pokorny also pointed out that the budget accommodates the economic development program envisioned by the City Council and the Measure A capital maintenance and replacement fund.

At Monday's study session, Police Chief Scott Kirkland asked the

America, Africa and Nevada.

"This is what it's all about," said Damon. "It makes people proud of their own culture while helping them appreciate everybody else's culture."

"This is pretty good," said Garrison Ham, a First Class Boy Scout from Berkeley's Troop 19.

council to approve funds for "hiring and deployment of a dedicated traffic enforcement officer to address traffic issues throughout the city." Kirkland said that city and the police receive frequent complaints from residents about traffic matters.

The plan is to cut a police commander position and use the money saved to hire and deploy an officer dedicated solely to traffic enforcement.

The savings would also fund a paid police cadet program currently in the conceptual phase.

"The department has not been able to adequately address those enforcement issues to the extent I would like, given our current staffing allotments," Kirkland told the council. "A traffic officer will begin to address issues in a proactive manner and assist the department and the city as we address traffic concerns brought to our attention."

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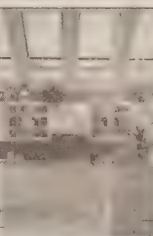
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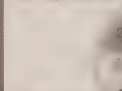
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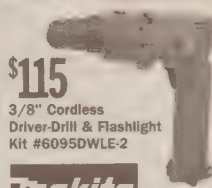


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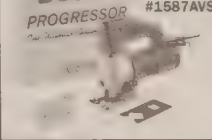


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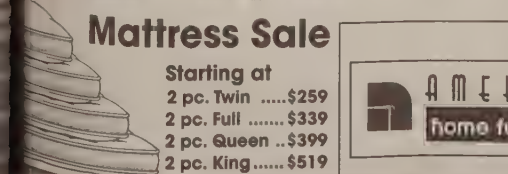


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High-tech approach to vocational exploration proposed for Albany High School

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — At a recent school board meeting, Albany High School Principal Gloria Galindo proposed implementing a high-tech program next year for students, using "modular technology," or individual work-stations.

Though a recently formed committee has just begun to research such a program, Galindo said, "It would mean we could give kids an opportunity to look at a variety of occupations to get their feet wet."

In the absence of woodshop, faculty members years ago started considering offering some type of school-to-career program. Galindo thinks she may have found the answer.

The plan is admittedly vague at this point. Galindo guesses that 30

to 34 kids would use the class at a time, with the option of working on individual projects. Learning areas would span actual fields related to technology, such as construction technology, biomedical technology, electronics, graphics design, and the list goes on.

"Math and science teachers are really pushing for this," she said.

If accepted by the board, the class would be incorporated into the ninth grade curriculum at Albany High School.

However, Galindo pointed out, "10th through 12th graders would go on to use parts of this lab and would take a more in-depth look at their careers."

The first step would be getting the school board to agree to fund the program, at an estimated cost of \$125,000 to \$150,000 for implemen-

tation alone. If accepted, the modules should materialize at the high school come September, 2001.

Albany High assistant Principal Amy Hanson and some interested teachers recently visited Deer Valley High School in Antioch to check out the school's high-tech modular program. There, students logged onto computers and independently worked through the various stages of the lesson plans they selected.

Maria Stephenson, Albany Middle School's new principal, doubles as the district's tech leader. She is one of several people attempting to define which product would best meet the needs of the students.

"I've been asked to put together a committee," she said. Members will be meeting during the summer while Stephenson seeks out possible vendors for the program.

If accepted, the program may also mean shifting keyboarding classes, now taught in the ninth grade, to the fifth or sixth grade.

Though keyboarding isn't mandatory, students entering high school are generally pushed in the direction of the class. Galindo pointed out that last year, about 40 of those students demonstrated skills beyond the level of the class.

Board members expressed interest in finding out more about how the proposed class would work. But school board President Bill Cain was skeptical about the estimated cost of implementing such a program.

"The cost seems optimistic," he said.

For now, Galindo has agreed to dig up more tangible details to present to the board in June.



Swimming fun and fitness

STEP OUT for Senior Centers and National Senior Health and Day, an event sponsored jointly by Albany Senior Center and the Albany Pool, will take place on Wednesday, May 31, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The Albany Pool. Seniors will be stepping out, doing water exercises that are really great for everyone. Beforehand, participants can check their blood pressure at the Senior Center when they come in to pick up their free swim tickets for the pool. The Senior Center is located at 846 Masonic Ave. Call 524-9122 for information.

Rose aficionados flock to annual event

Community Center hosts 10th annual event

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A rose is a rose is a rose, but a lot of people think an old rose is the rosiest of all.

The 10th annual Celebration of Old Roses drew hundreds of old-rose admirers and buyers to the Community Center last Sunday.

Sponsored by the Heritage Roses Group, the spring celebration attracts people from around the Bay Area and many parts of California.

Smiling rose lovers milled around the Community Center hall, sniffing and admiring blossoms and bouquets. About every third person seemed to clutching a newly purchased rose or other blooming plant in a pot.

On tables in the center of the room were hundreds of display roses in 24 different classes with names like old ramblers, old hybrid teas, hybrid musks, noisettes, Bourbons and hybrid perpetuals.

The Heritage Roses Group is a nonprofit organization that promotes "old roses, particularly those introduced to commerce prior to the year 1867."

Old roses are those types of roses grown and popular before the 1867

introduction of the modern hybrid tea roses.

"I really came to look at all the different varieties of roses" said Penelope Fried of San Rafael. It was the second year Fried had attended the El Cerrito old roses celebration which she called a special event.

Albany resident and Heritage Roses Group member Kay Coffee said people are becoming more and more interested in old roses because the plants "are so special and wonderful."

She said many parents bring their children to the rose celebration and the kids are soon asking for an old rose of their own to grow.

There were vendors from up and down the state selling such things as

rose petal jelly, rose candy, stained glass art, "wearable art" in addition to old fashion roses, hybrid tea roses and other types of plants and tree saplings.

"It's certainly a successful event," said 82-year-old Miriam Wilkins of El Cerrito, who founded the Heritage Roses Group in 1974. "The hybrid tea came upon the world in 1867, and the roses that we concentrate on were prior to 1867."

She said of the newer hybrid tea roses "We actually think they lack history and character."

Wilkins works each year to make the old roses celebration a Bay Area favorite.

"I'll be resting tomorrow," she said.

Artist sets open studio

Retired Albany schoolteacher Trudy Vilaska will open her studio to the public on Saturday and Sunday, June 11 and 12. Vilaska, whose home studio is at 961 Ventura Ave. in Albany, welcomes the public to view her artwork 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on both days.

Vilaska will show watercolors, pastels and box constructions pro-

duced since retirement eight years ago.

Ranging from realistic to semi-abstract, her artwork depict local landmarks and scenes, as well as Okinawan sites from a recent trip there.

Many of Vilaska's works are in private collections throughout California, and in Houston, Phoenix, Chicago, and Okinawa, Japan.

Outlet

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nesses. They're working on deals with a shoe store and dime store.

First they plan to give the building, in 1200 block of Solano, a facelift. Currently vacant, it was most recently home to Toy Exchange, a used toy store catering to the adventure video game crowd.

Business owners and residents

alike are cheered by the news that Sweet Potatoes is coming — back — to town. The city has been trying to boost develop along Solano, especially retail stores with pedestrian appeal.

"I think it's great," said Darren Yamashita, one of the owners of Dave's Dougout baseball cards on San Pablo Avenue in Albany. The store used to be located in the Sweet Potatoes building. "It's good that someone's moving in and keeping businesses coming."

Community Orchestra concert is June 4

ALBANY — The 60 member Albany Community Orchestra will present its 25th annual Spring Concert on at 2 p.m. Sunday, June 4, in the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.

Conductor Ernest Douglas will lead the orchestra in a performance of "Symphony #7," the "dance" symphony, by Beethoven, and Rossini's "Overture to William Tell." The Rossini overture features solo passages by Eda Naranjo, cello; Richard Lohman, flute; and Marjorie Tavistock, English horn.

The concert's soloist will be flutist Richard Lohman, who will play "Poem" for flute and orchestra by the early 20th century American composer, Charles Griffes. Lohman lives

in Albany and, for many years, been an outstanding music teacher at Albany High School.

He has served as conductor in the Albany Orchestra for ten years.

The concert is free to the public. Details: 524-9122.

CORRECTION

Last week's Journal identified the male dancer in the photo of two salsa dancers as a woman. The correct name is Oreston.

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Weekly Sales Prices of recently sold East Bay homes [B10]

Open Homes A list of homes open for inspection this weekend [B12]



Masterpiece echoes Prairie, Craftsman styles



BOTH INSIDE AND OUT, this magnificent home in the Oakland hills is well worth seeing. Visit it this Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m.

Stanley Hiller Sr. bought a great deal of land in the area that now bears his name, Hiller Highlands, as well as parts of the Claremont Hills. Originally, West View Drive, near the stairway to North Court, continued an additional 75 yards, but was cut away to fill the steep canyon

that is now Hiller Drive and North Hill Court. This turned West View Drive into a cul-de-sac.

Hiller built his large family home in the area that is now Bentley School. The family of Leroy Smith came to the area near Gravatt (now known as Smith Lane)

in 1906, after the Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fire and went into dairy farming.

The children milked the cows and peddled the milk throughout the neighborhood. One of these children was Leroy Smith, who became a school advisor, and

activist on the Oakland School Board. Also around the turn of the 20th century, lots of eucalyptus trees were planted with hopes of being good timber trees mistaking them for the Australian trees known to us as gum wood.

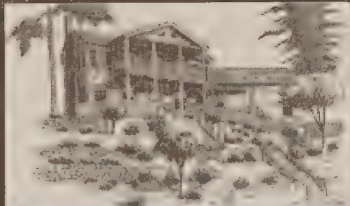
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Letters from our readers

Editor:
This letter is in response to the article about 1 Indian Gulch Road, which appeared in the May 5 Montclairian under the title "Featured Home of the Week." Mrs. Henshaw and I were the original owners, and we lived there until we sold it to the Boyds just over three years ago. The article contained dozens of errors — too many to list in this letter. A few are: Willis Polk never lived in the house that originally occupied the property. When we sold the house, it was far from shabby and I can't recall any dead trees, shrubs or plants. There was no gun room. There was no big closet for furs. And the living room was paneled, not papered. We are well-known in this community, as is our former residence, and many of our friends have commented on the inaccurate article. You should check the facts before printing articles.

William G. Henshaw
Piedmont

Editor:
I am writing to correct two critical, but unfortunately erroneous, statements included in the guidelines for hiring contractors presented in the article "Remodeling Right" in the May 5 Real Estate & Home section. The article included the following erroneous statements regarding California contractor's license and labor laws: "Ask to see proof of general liability insurance as well as worker's compensation, required of any builder employing more than three workers." Worker's compensation insurance is required by law for the first and all subsequent employees, on or off the job site. There are many plays, legal and illegal, for avoiding this expense, none of which are worth the risk to a contractor, employee or homeowner. The only "proof" of insurance is to demand a current insurance certificate issued in your name, directly by the insurance company, usually provided by the insurer at no cost. Demand certificates for both worker's compensation and general liability. "Many firms require one-fourth to one-third of the cost in advance, one-third midway and the balance upon completion." Advance payments required by contractors are limited by law to 10 percent or \$1,000, whichever is less. Many techniques, both legal and

illegal, are used to circumvent this limit. Be wary of contractors that ask you to pay their suppliers for materials up front. Any substantial contractor will maintain open accounts with their suppliers, therefore not needing large advancements.

I also offer the following supplemental advice: Don't settle for "three to five of their clients." Any substantial contractor should easily provide eight or 10 references. Follow up by calling and questioning these references. If you cannot reach them, demand more current references.

Many potential problems can be avoided by requiring the contractor to provide bonds for your project, for both labor and materials and performance. Such bonds usually cost about 1-3 percent of the project, and may result in a minor additional expense for the homeowner.

There are many specific notices and statements required by law to be included in the contract for any type of work, such as beginning and completion dates, notices regarding lien potentials, etc.

If you are unsure about any aspect of your project or the contract you are presented with, call the Contractor's State License Board at (800) 321-2752 or visit their Web site at www.cslb.ca.gov/index.html.

The best advice in this article was "...don't let price alone determine your selection." Money perceived as saved early can quickly become a down payment on problems later on. Hire a contractor committed to the quality of his work and professional performance. This will become quickly apparent in your conversations with the contractor and his references.

Such contractors are happy to comply with requests for substantiation of their business and reputation. They will know you are committed to quality and professionalism and are not about to work with their illicit competitors who circumvent the law, at your risk, while touting the low prices because that is all they have to brag about! If you don't feel good about the guy, don't contract with him! Follow these and the guidelines in the article, and you will hire a qualified, competent professional that will determine whether your project is exciting or a nightmare!

Torrey Young
Oakland

Beware of strangers bearing mortgages

By Steve Kerch
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

Q: I have an adjustable-rate mortgage that's at 7 percent and I've had my home for two years. I keep getting mail and phone calls about refinancing. Do you think what I have right now is decent or would it pay to investigate refinancing?

A: I would like a fixed-rate mortgage at this same percentage, but am I correct in assuming that is not out there right now? Hope I don't sound naive — it's my first house — but is there a rule of thumb when refinancing?

A: It always makes me nervous when strangers phone and ask my interest rate and how many credit card bills I owe, all in the name of "helping me save money." But I guess if you're in the mortgage business you've got to push mortgages.

Fixed rates on 30-year loans are about 8 percent, so getting one at 7 percent would require a sizable payment of upfront points. Depending on your index, though, your adjustable rate is not likely to soar, even as rates have been rising. With two years under your belt of savings, you can afford to ride the ARM a little longer.

The rule of thumb on refinancing used to be when the rate dropped 2 percentage points below your number, it was time. But the proliferation of no-cost refinancings has altered the equation to the point where most people simply compare monthly out-of-pocket costs: If a new loan means I pay less per month, and it costs nothing to get it, I'm ahead of the game.

Q: I recently began working with an agent to assist me in finding a home in the western suburbs. The agent and I have toured several homes the past two weekends and she seems to have an understanding of what I am looking for.

Following our last meeting, the agent handed me a "Realtor Association of the Western Suburbs Non-exclusive Buyer Representa-

tion Contract (Designated Agent)," as well as a "Realtor Association of the Western Suburbs Notice of Buyer Representation (Designated Agent)" form and requested that I review it, and if I wished, sign it. She stated that it was not required that I sign it.

Are these forms necessary? What do I seek to gain/lose by signing/not signing these forms?

Also, on the non-exclusive buyer rep contract, Section 7, Compensation, lines 44 — 49, state that "broker and buyer expect that broker's commission will be paid by the seller or the seller's broker, for brokers acting as a cooperation agent."

However, if broker is not compensated by seller or seller's agent, then buyer agrees to pay broker a commission of (blank) of the purchase price." Is it possible that this could happen?

A: What would we do without lawyers to write contract language for us? Would we just have to trust each other?

These forms are necessary under Illinois law, which now requires that real estate agents disclose their agency relationships. In the past, almost all agents were working as subagents of the seller, whether the buyer knew it or not.

Today, you have a choice, and in almost every instance I can think of it makes sense to sign a buyer representation agreement that results in having an agent work solely on your behalf.

As for commissions, the standard practice is now for sellers' agents to split commissions with buyers' agents the same way they did with seller subagents.

While it is possible you could end up on the line for your share of the commission, you and your agent can prevent that unhappy circumstance by insisting any sales contract spell out the split.

Bring the indoors outside for summer

Lighting, music, and climate control, for example, are as important outdoors as they are in, but most people don't think of them until it's too inconvenient to do something about it. By using affordable furniture, flowers and shrubs, homeowners can have the creature comforts of their home, but with the added pleasures of summer breezes and colorful sunsets.

1. Define your space — Select an outdoor space that will be your "room," separate from the rest of the yard, deck or balcony. By using different sizes of trellises or arbors, you can define the room's four corners, adding depth and dimension to your space. Or, if preferred, an existing tree or market umbrella in a cast-iron stand can serve as an anchor, as well as offer a shady respite.

2. Create privacy — Make your room intimate without offending the neighbors or blocking summer breezes by using lattice-work to create "walls." Add climbing vines and flowers to the lattice-work to offer a sense of "wallpaper." Plant flowers, shrubs, and trees around the perimeter of the "room" in varying heights. Be sure to include tall and expansive plants for shade.

3. Choose flowers with different bloom times — So that there will always be flowers in bloom in your garden area, plant flowers with different peak times to ensure that color and beauty span the entire season. A fun and low-cost option: tour the gardens of friends and family, and get cuttings from their plants to start your own — with their permission, of course!

4. Make a "carpet" — Plant different varieties of grasses, hardy ground cover plants, or adjust the lawnmower blade to create a "green area rug" under your furniture

grouping. Add stepping stones, ceramic tiles to create an "into your "room" to demarcate where you'd like guests to

5. Use comfortable, changeable furniture — Furniture that is comfortable suit the amount of space you have to create. Furniture size should overwhelm the space. Add waterproof cushions, throw pillows, small tables for resting drinks. Tables that are easily moved and put away for larger parties. Select furniture that is easy to maintain.

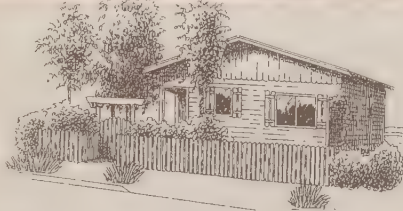
6. Accessorize — A serving cart can be left out and when not in use can be decorated with decorative pottery or a potting bench for plant planting. Use planters to create visual interest and allow for easy "redecoration" they can be moved or changed. Wooden planters with flowers or plants create a "door" feeling, especially on a wooden plant stand outdoors.

7. Enhance the atmosphere — Add romance and tranquility to your room with twinkling lights or lanterns on your plants. Place decorative candles or glass hurricanes on tables as an alternative to door torches. Water features also relaxing — incorporate a pond or waterfall into your retreat. To encourage avian visitors, install a birdfeeder or Check with your local wildlife organization to determine what seeds will attract your birds.

8. Select aromatic plants — Access your own aromatherapy expensively by planting

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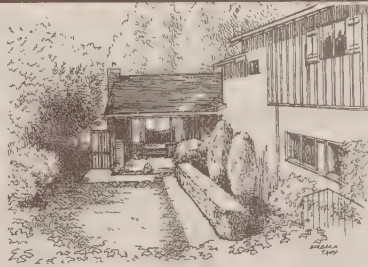
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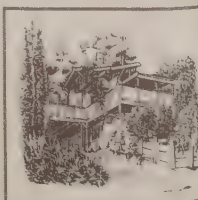
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The Women's Council of Realtors, East Bay Chapter, celebrates year 2000 inaugural

The Women's Council of Realtors, East Bay Chapter, recently installed their 2000 officers. The new president is Denise Sonnier, left. North American Mortgage of the West End Gallagher and Lindsey office. She was installed by Ronni Collmer, Century-21 Kopa, Concord (center). Outgoing President is Susie Lipps, with Lawton and Associates, Oakland, right. The installation was held at Hs. Lordships on the Berkeley waterfront. If you have any questions about the Women's Council or would like to join, please call Denise at 521-8181.



Housing market strong, affordable

With the Federal Reserve tightening credit and costs for all kinds of borrowing climbing, much has been debated about what it means for housing, a principal economic engine. Freddie Mac economists say housing to remain strong in 1999 and 1998. Below are key points to keep in mind.

Freddie Mac has been surveying the mortgage market for more than 20 years, and the highest rate ever recorded in its weekly survey is 18.63 percent — way back in October 1981. Despite interest costs that high, families continued to purchase homes. However, housing starts were down a 20-year low point of about 1.5 million units.

Housing starts peaked in the late 1980s at about 2.2 million units in February 1984. At that time, mortgage rates were 13 percent for 30-year fixed rate mortgages, and nearly 11 percent for one-year adjustable rate mortgages.

Today's mortgage rates, as compared to a year or so ago, are only marginally affected by mortgage applications. Applications for mortgages, according to a major trade organization, in the week ended May 12, were down

11 percent from one year ago. The average mortgage cost of buying a typical house has gone up since reaching the historic low point on the Freddie Mac survey of 6.49 percent in October 1998. The latest Freddie Mac mortgage rate survey (week ending May 19) result showed the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage at 8.64 percent.

The extra interest cost from the higher mortgage rate (8.64 percent versus 6.49 percent) means that a typical \$113,000 30-year fixed-rate mortgage purchased by Freddie Mac would cost about \$880 per month (principal and interest only) versus \$713 per month.

While monthly payments are increasing, Freddie Mac and its lenders provide an array of mortgage products in addition to the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage, many with considerably lower monthly payments that might be attractive.

Among these are hybrid adjustable-rate mortgages: mortgages with much longer fixed-rate terms initially than the traditional one-year ARM. Freddie Mac purchases hybrid ARMs from lenders that have three, five and 10-year initial terms.

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Mortgage rates rise sharply this week

McLEAN, VA — In Freddie Mac's Primary Mortgage Market Survey, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 8.64 percent, with an average cost of 1.0 point, for the week ending May 19, up from last week's average of 8.52 percent; a year ago, the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage average was 7.23 percent.

This is the highest the 30-year fixed-rate mortgage has been since the week ending February 24, 1995 when it averaged 8.73 percent.

The average for 15-year FRMs is 8.31 percent this week, with an average cost of 1 point, rising from last week's average of 8.17 percent.

A year ago, the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 6.83 percent. This is the highest the 15-year fixed-rate mortgage has been since the week ending February 24, 1995 when it averaged 8.34 percent.

The rate for 1-year Treasury-indexed adjustable-rate mortgages (ARMs) averaged 7.15 percent this

week, with an average cost of 1 point, up from last week's average of 6.96 percent. At this time last year, the 1-year ARM averaged 5.76 percent.

The 1-year ARM has not been higher since the week ending August 2, 1991, when it averaged 7.22 percent.

"The Fed's actions last Tuesday to raise overnight lending rates also worked to push mortgage rates higher," said Frank Nothaft, deputy chief economist for Freddie Mac.

"Because the Fed's action impacts short-term rates more than long-term, the largest effect was on ARMs, which rose significantly after the Fed announced its raise.

"Also left open by the Fed was the possibility of further increases if the economy doesn't begin to show signs of slowing. This, in turn, would serve to push mortgage rates higher still."

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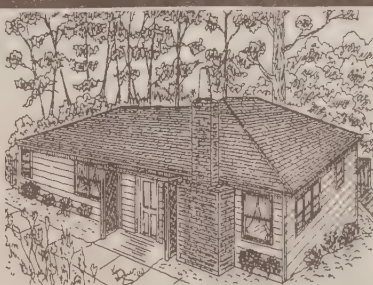
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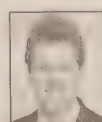
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A refreshing retreat right in your home

By Debra L. Bernard
BERNARD MARKETING ASSOCIATES
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know a secret: bath areas are so important to home buyers that they can make or break the success of a floor plan.

It's the business of the home builder to know how customers are living, and to create their homes accordingly.

And today's home buyers are telling the building community loud and strong that they have a lot invested in their baths.

Any amateur psychologist could tell you why.

By and large, people in our area work and play hard. A well-appointed bath creates the privacy and serenity to deal with an exterior world that can be often overwhelming and over-stimulating. It's

the perfect inner sanctum for working parents, over-extended execs and creative individuals to decom-

here you can unwind."

Privacy is another key ingredient of the special sanctuary. A

decade ago, the general trend was for rooms to open up to one another. The master bath became part of the master bedroom and privacy for the heads of house was a thing

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press and get a new lease on life.

To create these important centers of rejuvenation, builders are outfitting houses in all price ranges with a range of new designs and amenities.

Starting with move up homes, you'll find spa options including jetted tubs, skylights and showers large enough for more than one person.

These all help set a mood that says "whatever is happening in the world or even the rest of this home,

of the past.

This attitude is changing. Home buyers now want their baths to be more private. Doors are coming back and closets in the baths allow for a complete dressing area. You may find his and her sinks, separate closets and, at higher price points, even separate bath areas. Tubs are often moved away from showers, and small water closets containing only the toilet are

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Acceleration, buydowns latest twist

Selecting the right loan product to suit your needs is one of the most difficult decisions of the mortgage process.

The choices are endless. Should you get adjustable rate mortgage with a built-in rate roller coaster ride that you may regret later? Or should you take that stable fixed rate loan and then ultimately believe that the adjustable was the better deal.

There is one loan product that offers you both of the best. I call it the ultimate adjustable loan. It is also called a two/one lender funded buydown.

A look at indexes

Adjustable rate mortgages offer low start rates for the first six or twelve months and then adjust up (usually) one or two percent. They are based on an index such as the One Year Treasury Bill or the LIBOR (the London Interbranch Offered Rate).

There are several other indices, but all adjustable rate mortgages have one thing in common, they have a margin (call it the lenders' profit margin) that when added to the current index rate gives you your note rate.

Be aware of life caps

The problem with an adjustable rate mortgage is usually the life cap, which is commonly five or six points (a point equals one percent) over your initial start rate or is lender stated.

This generally means your life cap

will range between 11 and 13 percent. With most adjustable rate mortgages, in a worse case situation, you could reach your life cap within the first five years of your mortgage term.

Mortgage Madness



By Karen Senzig

The ultimate adjustable rate mortgage

With the two/one lender funded buy down, you receive the advantages of an adjustable rate mortgage low start rate in the first year. One point higher the second year and the third through thirtieth year is your note rate.

For example, the actual note rate is 9 percent. The first year's payments would be based on the initial rate at 7 percent, the second year at 8 percent and the third through the 30th year at 9 percent

Limiting the buydown

What's the catch? The two/one buydown has a "note rate" which is normally one percent higher than the prevailing 30-year-fixed rate at the same cost. And, while there are some programs available for jumbo loans (loans over \$252,700), most lenders

limit the buydown to loan amount limits.

Great for first-timers

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What's the newest twist in current market, where 30-year rates are at a five-year high, housing prices have shot up, roof, fewer people can qualify for higher interest rates.

Dropping the initial rate

Some lenders are allowing borrowers to qualify at 1.5% low the note rate. In addition, lenders have accelerated programs to eight-month adjustment (rather than twelve months) in order to drop the initial rate to as low as 6.75 percent. That little quarter point can save the borrower dollars in the first year, a little advantage in the mortgage madness

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Housing

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Freddie Mac economists predict that ARMs will represent about twice as many closed mortgages in 2000 as they did in 1999.

The mortgage market remains vibrant and while slightly more expensive than in the past 18 months, mortgage rates have reached historic lows. Freddie Mac is a stockholder-owned corporation chartered by Con-

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Q. We're in the market for a new home, and when we walk through houses that are for sale, I always do what I can to be sure the air conditioner is working and the house gets comfortable. Am I missing anything?

A. Your letter came from Louisiana, so I assume you use quite a bit of air conditioning during the year. In your case, it is especially important that you find out what you can about the home's cooling system before making your purchase offer.

Because you're looking for a resale and not building a house, it's

too late to make some basic decisions on the equipment already there. But you can gather information on the size of the unit, what its SEER rating is so you can figure out how efficient it is, and whether it has been serviced and maintained properly. If you find any problems in these areas, you might consider negotiating for a new system or at least have that one repaired.

Because the right-sized unit is so important, write down the size of the system and contact an air-conditioning contractor. Give him information you have collected on the size of the house, the level of

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Outside

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favorite herbs near your seating arrangement. Take advantage of such aromatic herbs as basil, chamomile, sage, dill, or any fresh scent you like. The best choices are those scents that relax or remind you of pleasant times.

9. Listen to the music — Taking license with Shakespeare's verse, music is the food of love, so be sure to add it some way to your space. Install an outdoor extension cord to access electricity for a small CD player — music, classical, New Age, or modern jazz, will add a

soothing touch. Or, hang wind chimes on your latticework or trees and shrubs. Some of the smaller ones offer an ethereal sound perfect for daydreaming.

10. Fill in the details — Include such items of interest as hard-to-find plants and flowers or antique garden sculptures to add character and enchant guests. A chiminea, or traditional Mexican outdoor fireplace, for example, adds charm as well as a conversation piece. It also provides the warm and cozy atmosphere of a living room, while its smoke discourages the bugs!

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Estimator

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brought the project to a screeching halt at the bid stage, frustrating homeowners and professionals alike.

According to Crosby, the new Kitchen Estimator makes the remodeling process much easier for both homeowners and the pros. It allows homeowners to tweak and fine-tune their fantasy kitchens as much as they want, giving them a realistic expectation of costs before they turn to a professional.

Kitchen Estimator users are asked five simple questions:

- What is your kitchen size? (small, medium, large)
- What is your budget? (economy, standard, luxury)
- What is the shape of the room? (galley, U-shaped, L-shaped, peninsula, island)
- What is the preferred style? (traditional, contemporary, country, eclectic, Euro)
- What is your ZIP code?

Once users submit above information is submitted, they receive an estimated range of their project costs, adjusted for their local market conditions. The range is presented along with a list of assumptions by generic product type based on the style preferences, budget range, square footage and room shape submitted by the homeowner. The range will be greatest for luxury projects, where many more variables affect the final price.

All the calculations include the installation costs customary for the local market area.

After receiving the estimated range, homeowners can then change the estimate's assumptions if they desire different types of products. For instance, if the Estimator assumed the homeowner wanted solid surfacing for a contemporary luxury kitchen, the homeowner could change the selection to laminate and see how that change affects the project estimate. Homeowners can even enter in an exact cost for a product they have already specified or purchased. The estimate can be saved in a Personal Project Folder for homeowners to fine-tune as they find new ideas for their kitchens.

The Kitchen Estimator is the newest in a suite of free services designed to help visitors to ImproveNet succeed with their home improvement projects. Other estimators will be unveiled in the next few months, each integrated with ImproveNet's extensive design tools to educate homeowners about their options with information about relevant products and materials.

The Kitchen Estimator data are supplied to ImproveNet by the E.H. Boeckh Co.

ImproveNet's Web site presents an extensive gallery of design ideas, information on thousands of products, and advice from experts about home improvement. ImproveNet is based in Redwood City, and can be reached at 888-544-8963 or www.ImproveNet.com.

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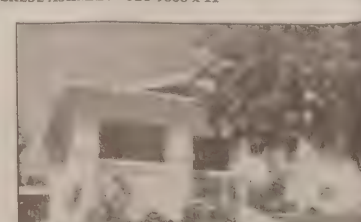
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How do you decide what price to offer?

When the real estate market is in the doldrums, buyers make full price offers. Today, where the market is active, a low price might not be the best offer for the property. It is important to have an understanding of the market conditions in the area where you want to buy. If your aim is to make an offer that will lead to the successful negotiation of a home purchase. If you offer too low a price, you could risk the property to another, better-informed buyer who's knowledgeable about current market value. If you could risk insulting the seller with such a low price that you have difficulty negotiating with the seller.

For example, one buyer decided to offer an initial offer price that was 10 percent lower than the list price. Even though the property had been on the market for less than one year, this was several years ago. The real estate market was recovering from the last recession and sellers expected concessions. The buyer's initial price, even though the seller's list price, even though the property was new on the market, was perceived to be an insult. The seller perceived that he threw the

buyer's agent out of his house and refused to respond to the buyer's offer.

This is an extreme case, but it's not uncommon for a seller who's insulted by a buyer's offer to counteroffer back with a very high price. If you think that a property is over-

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By Dian Hymer

priced for the market, you might have a better chance negotiating a price discount after the property has been on the market for awhile. Before you make an offer, ask your agent how much list prices on similar homes are being discounted when they're sold. Although any given home sale may deviate from the norm, this information can provide a gauge. For instance, if similar homes have sold for within 5 percent of the list price, and you think the home you're considering is well-priced, you might offer 6 to 7 per-

cent below the list price which leaves a little room for negotiation.

Another variable to take into account is how long the listing has been on the market. If the property is new on the market, and there is a lot of interest from other buyers, you should be more aggressive with your initial offer price than you'd be if the property had been on the market for months with no interest.

A big problem facing today's buyers attempting to buy in a strong seller's market is how much over, not under, the list price to offer when there are multiple offers. There's no magic formula to guarantee results every time. Base your offer on the same sort of market data you would use to arrive at a price in any market. Find out how much over the asking price similar homes have been selling for and make your offer accordingly.

When you're up against competition, make your first offer your best offer. You may only have one chance to attract the seller's attention. Set limits so that you don't pay more than you can afford or more than the property is worth. But, don't lose out for a few thousand dollars.

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kitchenette or quiet sitting area may be found just outside the door.

When a client tells me a particular floor plan is not selling well despite the company's best efforts, one of the first places I look is the bath. Is there enough natural lighting? Is there a feeling of privacy?

Practical considerations like linen space and durable flooring are important, but an equally necessary concern is the poetry of these spaces, especially the master baths.

As you walk around a home you're considering, pay special attention to the bath. Does a particular design

speak to you? What details will help you unwind or tickle your imagination? Of all the rooms in the house, a well-appointed bath may be the most important for soothing your soul and body.

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How much house can you afford?

Understanding the related costs of home buying

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SAN RAMON — According to Will Rogers, property is a great investment because nobody's making any more. That is as true today as it was in the early 1900s when Rogers made the statement.

Today, however, you'll need to think about more than a mortgage payment to determine if you can afford a home. To assure you are purchasing a home within the confines of your budget, you must consider closing costs as well. How much can you afford?

Look at your ratios

First calculate the estimated mortgage payment. Several formulas exist to help determine how much a lender will allow a consumer to borrow. One of the more accurate formulas is a front- and back-end ratio.

It states that the buyer can afford as much as 28 percent of his or her gross-monthly income toward the monthly mortgage payment, assuming that the consumer's other debt payments (credit cards, car loans, student loans) are less than or equal to 8 percent of his or her gross-monthly income.

For example

To better understand this formula, assume a gross-family income of \$5,000 a month. The front-end ratio or maximum monthly mortgage payment is (28 percent of \$5,000) \$1,400. The back-end ratio is (8 percent of \$5,000) \$400.

Therefore the buyer can afford a \$1,400 monthly mortgage payment as long as monthly debt payments are less than or equal to \$400. If debt

payments exceed the back-end ratio, it will reduce the monthly mortgage payment dollar for dollar. For example, if debt payments are \$500, the maximum monthly mortgage payment a person could afford would be reduced to \$1,300.

Down payment and closing costs

These terms refer to how much money the buyer will have to pay out of pocket and up-front to purchase a home. Down payment is simple; it refers to the amount of money the buyers needs to invest at closing toward the price of the home. Most lenders request a down payment of at least 20 percent of the cost. For first-time homebuyers, this may be difficult to achieve.

Several programs are available and relatively easy to qualify for that allow buyers to make down payments of as little as 3 percent of the price of the home. Consumers can evaluate their options with the Coldwell Banker Mortgage program or their lender.

Closing costs vary from state-to-state, city-to-city and even from home-to-home. Closing costs can include attorney fees, home inspection costs, title search fees, bank fees, termite inspection fees and radon inspection fees, to name a few.

The mortgage lender requires some of these services and others are legally necessary depending on

where the buyer lives. To better understand the necessary closing costs in the area they are looking to buy in, consumers can contact the local Coldwell Banker office. For the sake of estimating, closing costs can range from 1 to 5 percent or more of the value of the home.

Still a sound investment

While up-front costs are more than one would pay for renting, homeownership can still be a sound investment and certainly an emotionally rewarding experience. After all, a cozy home and a piece of land to call your own are as much a part of the American landscape as Will Rogers is.

The Coldwell Banker Web site, www.coldwellbanker.com, provides other calculators and tools to help consumers better understand the mortgage process including a mortgage calculator which allows consumers to project monthly mortgage payments out to total loan amounts.

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Affordable living in Oakland's Laurel District

The East Bay's virtual real estate company www.Homes-Link.com announces the opening of the first of five brand-new affordable condominiums in Oakland's Laurel District just above MacArthur Boulevard and two blocks west of High Street.

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plenty of bright, sunny living space. The second unit is an upper-level unit in a new two-story building.

Priced at \$219,000, the unit has three spacious bedrooms and a private deck.

For more information contact John Russell at 510-748-5300 or e-mail JWR@gadsbys.com.

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monium. A new attitude of "I want you, but give me my space" may be an important ingredient of lasting peace and of peace of mind.

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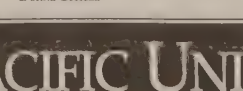
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insulation and what size system is installed now. Fill in some details on the size of your family and general lifestyle, and the contractor can estimate whether the unit is about the right size.

Go into the home and turn on the system. Adjust the thermostat and be sure the system responds. Listen to any noises you might hear. Belts that squeal may mean they have not had proper maintenance. Clattering from the outdoor fan or the indoor blower can mean the bearings are worn out. If you hear noises and want to buy the house, hire a contractor to check the system more thoroughly. The local utility company also might come out

and inspect the system for you for little or no cost.

Q. What do I need to know about a programmable thermostat so I buy the right one for my house?

A. A programmable or set-back thermostat can save you money by adjusting your cooling and heating system for different times of the day and different home occupancy patterns. Ask these questions:

- Does the clock on the new thermostat get its power from a battery or from the cooling/heating system's electrical power? Many homeowners prefer battery-operated systems. One reason is that they aren't disrupted when the furnace or air conditioner cycles on and off.

- Is the new thermostat compatible with the wiring you now have? Bring along information on your current thermostat (e.g., brand and model number).

- Can the thermostat be installed by a do-it-yourselfer, or is an electrician or contractor needed?

- Is the unit easy to operate and adjust? Are instructions printed inside the unit, or do you have to refer to an instruction booklet when you want to make adjustments?

Though many people prefer an automatic thermostat that replaces their unit, you'll also find some programmable units that work with your thermostat to add the set-back features. These are usually battery-powered, so they are easy to install, and they are often easier to operate as well.

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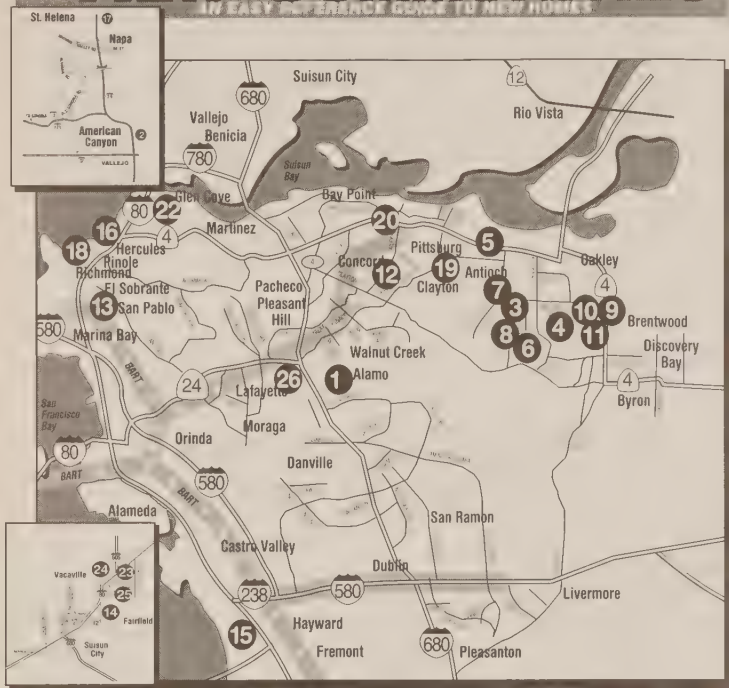
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The doorway to home and hearth

If you would like an easy way to make a dramatic change to the interior and exterior of a house without spending a fortune, consider changing the front and interior doors. Although doors require a little bit of effort, most homeowners can tackle the job with a little bit of direction and willingness to accept mistakes. You are only going to change two doors, it is cheaper to just remove and replace it. When you remove the doors in this manner you will fit the door to the existing opening. If the existing opening has been settled out of plumb, it can be difficult to get the door to sit properly. Cutting the door to its proper size, locating and notching the hinges and lockset and fitting the door to the jamb, can be time consuming and frustrating if you have never done it before.

The advantage of installing a pre-hung door is that you install the jamb and door as one unit. This is easier for most home owners. A pre-hung door is already attached to the jamb, with hinges for the lockset drilled and ready. You can also order this type of door with different types of pre-hungings. It is more expensive this way, but it can save you a lot of time and aggravation.

When you begin your project, you must first remove the existing doors off their hinges and remove the wood door

casing or trim that goes around the door opening on either side of the wall. One side of the door casing is nailed to the door jamb and the other side is nailed to the wall. Once this is removed, the door jamb will be exposed.

As you look at the door jamb, you will notice that there is a space between the jambs and the actual opening of the wall. The opening in the wall is always framed two inches taller and wider than the actual door. This is to allow for adjustments to make sure that the door can be installed square and plumb. Between the jambs and the wall framing you will see wood shims. These are usually placed where the jamb is nailed to the wall studs.

The simplest way to remove a jamb from the wall opening is to use a reciprocating saw (commonly referred to as a "sawzall") with a metal cutting blade, and cut through the nails that are holding the jamb in place. This will allow you to remove the jamb in one piece. Once this is done, set the new jamb and door in the opening, and check to see if the opening is square (where the two sides are at right angles to the top of the opening), and whether the hinged side of the wall opening is vertical.

If the hinge side is vertical, you can actually nail the jamb to the wall stud, as long as there is not more

than a 3/4 inch gap between the other jamb and the opening. If not, you may have to put shims between the jamb and opening to make it vertical and to help center the door assembly in the opening. Remember to leave a 1/4-inch to a 1/2-inch gap between the top jamb and the framed opening, and a small gap between the bottom of the jambs and the floor.

Temporarily nail the hinge jamb to the opening with three, 16d. finish nails, down the middle of the jamb. Place one nail near each of the hinges and one centered between the two.

Once this is done, you will set the other jamb by closing the door and making sure that there is an even 1/8 inch gap between the door and the jamb. When you have it adjusted just right and shimmed in place, you can finish nailing the striker jamb. You usually do not have to nail the top jamb.

The next step is to install the casing. The casing should be installed so that there is a 1/4 to 3/8 inch reveal of the jamb that is equal around all three sides. The casing is nailed to the jamb with 4d finish nails (approximately every 16 inches and 2 inches from each end), and nailed to the wall framing with 8d finish nails every 18 inches or so. Start with the top piece of casing and center it between the two sides, tack it, and then set the two sides, keeping a uniform reveal. Once aligned, finish nail.



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The last thing you will do is install the door stop, that small strip of wood that the door shuts against. The door stop on the hinge side wants to be 1/16 of an inch away from the door in its close position, and the stops on the top and striker side of the jamb want to just touch the door.

It is best to tack all stops in position so that adjustments can be made before the final nailing. If you have done everything right and taken your time, your doors should look and operate beautifully. Good luck on your project.

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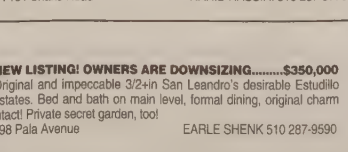
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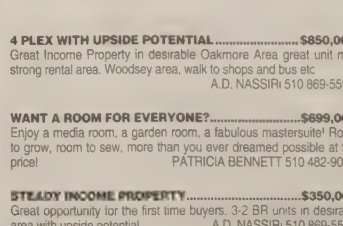
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 1717 Grand St - \$311,000
 19111 Kitty Hawk Pl - \$355,000
 325 Kitty Hawk #102 - \$175,000
 2426 Lincoln Ave #G - \$160,500
 2207 Lincoln Av - \$320,000
 30 Maitland Dr - \$324,000
 1034 Pacific Av - \$336,000
 1105 Pacific Av - \$265,000
 2264 Pacific Av - \$236,000
 1201 Park St - \$925,000
 2 Plover Cr - \$346,000
 1054 San Antonio Av - \$290,000
 114 Sea Bridge - \$470,000
 2835 Sea View Pk - \$1,100,000
 2101 Shoreline Dr - \$246,000
 955 Shorepoint #105 - \$201,000
 960 Shorepoint Ct #61 - \$128,000
 346 Sweet Rd - \$699,000
 1016 Verdemar Dr - \$297,000
 1152 Verdemar Av - \$375,000
 2701 Washington St - \$380,500
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ALBANY

555 Pierce St #1241 - \$233,000
 535 Pierce St #1315 - \$265,000

BERKELEY

1820 5th #2 - \$315,000
 419 Boynton Av - \$577,000
 1515 Hopkins St #1 - \$279,500
 2571 Mathews St - \$267,000
 2436 McGee Av - \$317,000
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209 Behrens St - \$346,000
 3137 Carlson Bl - \$215,000
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 1401 Elm St - \$236,000
 1626 Elm St - \$270,000
 6921 Fairmount Av - \$352,000
 1344 Norvell St - \$346,500

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734 Alhambra Rd - \$115,000
 1031 Allview Av - \$185,000
 5125 Buckboard Wy - \$352,000
 14 Powder Bowl Ct - \$510,000
 1275 Raton Ct - \$204,000
 1517 Solitude Ln - \$310,000
 305 Troy Ct - \$330,000

EMERYVILLE

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6363 Christie Av #306 - \$359,000
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 1722 22nd Av - \$89,500
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 2579 35th Av - \$95,000
 1622 36th Av - \$126,500
 1818 38th Av - \$80,000
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 3240 38th Av - \$110,000
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 1815 39th Av - \$150,000
 1436 4th Av - \$285,000
 882 54th St - \$121,000
 2021 5th Av - \$209,000
 660 60th St - \$310,000
 722 60th St - \$119,000
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 6966 Bristol Dr - \$617,000
 6224 Broadway Tr - \$225,000
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 3612 Brookdale Av - \$135,000
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 1106 Campbell St - \$87,000
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 5800 Clover Dr - \$567,500
 3491 Davis St - \$195,500
 488 Douglas Av - \$177,000
 3814 East 12th St - \$155,000
 2706 East 21st St - \$120,000
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988 Franklin St #424 - \$213,000
 4764 Geranium Pl - \$450,000
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 1182 Holman Rd - \$495,000
 577 Kenway Rd - \$355,000
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 9425 Olive St - \$176,000
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 11018 Robledo Dr - \$163,000
 918 Royal St - \$214,000
 3929 Ruby St - \$275,000
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 1080 Siler Pl - \$700,000
 75 Starview Dr - \$515,000
 7856 Sterling Dr - \$227,000
 2938 Telegraph Av - \$95,000
 4239 Tr St - \$378,000
 4226 Tompkins Av - \$250,000
 85 Vernon St - \$169,000
 674 West MacArthur Bl - \$75,000
 1122 Wood St - \$114,000

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310 San Carlos Av - \$734,500

RICHMOND

524 43rd St - \$236,000
 433 B St - \$75,000
 5296 Buckboard Wy - \$300,000
 5120 Columbia Av - \$148,000
 617 Commodore Dr - \$199,000
 1521 Garvin Av - \$160,000
 2515 Garvin Av - \$155,000
 5414 Heavenly Ridge - \$470,500
 5541 Highland Av - \$375,000
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 937 Lassen St - \$204,000
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1300 Quarry Ct #112 - \$159,000
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 201 Sanford Av - \$193,000
 59 Seabreeze Dr - \$385,000
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846 Alice Av - \$200,000
 14662 Bethany St - \$265,000
 2482 Blackpool Ln - \$255,000
 299 California Av - \$161,000
 201 Cambridge Av - \$430,000

1400 Carpenter #227 - \$145,000
 1400 Carpenter St - \$112,000
 443 Castro St - \$202,000
 14145 Doolittle Dr - \$165,000
 545 Dutton Av - \$290,000
 639 Elsie Av - \$276,000
 15527 Farnsworth St - \$210,000
 161 Georgia Wy - \$331,000
 15508 Harbor Wy - \$382,000
 1649 Hubbard Av - \$313,000
 931 Kenyon Av - \$291,000
 16635 Kildare Rd - \$333,000
 289 Leo Av - \$207,500
 1500 Leonard Dr - \$235,000
 780 Martin Bl - \$210,000

1634 Scott Ave - \$100,000
 536 Tiffany Rd - \$210,000
 493 Tudor Rd - \$100,000
 14893 Wake Av - \$245,000
 2077 Washington #100 - \$100,000
 2165 West Ave - \$134,000
 16026 Windsor Dr - \$100,000
 762 Woodgate Dr - \$100,000

SAN LORENZO

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Montclair.....\$500,000
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Montclair.....\$459,000
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Lincoln Heights.....\$349,000
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Millsmont.....\$348,000
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Sequoyah Heights.....\$380,000
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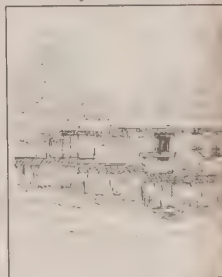
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Home: Decorating with flowers

By Barbara Mayer

With the garden a paramount interior decorating influence, fresh flowers are turning into home fashion accessories. Approximately 45 million households now purchase flowers at least once a month, up from 31 million a decade ago, according to The Floral Index, a market research firm in Chicago.

The Floral Index also finds that sales of flowers in supermarkets have increased 183 percent over the past 10 years.

The figures are evidence of a change in attitude from using flowers on special occasions to using them on a casual basis. That's all to the good, because flowers can bring a brightly change to home decor without much effort or expense.

Garden flowers and foliage happen to be popular at the moment, and that may mean simply picking a bouquet in the yard. If this is not possible, purchase seasonal flowers to reduce costs, advises Julie McCann-Mulligan.

While coffee-table and dining-table arrangements are always appreciated, also try flowers in the master bedroom, on a kitchen windowsill, or next to the bed, suggests McCann-Mulligan, who is creative director of the 1-800-Flowers chain of flower shops.

Simple yet imaginative uses of flowers are what people respond to most when McCann-Mulligan gives demonstrations.

"There's a trend to use flowers in innovative ways, such as combining them with other natural elements like fruits and vegetables," McCann-Mulligan says.

Unusual holders such as hollowed-out peppers and artichokes are appealing, so it is not even necessary to buy a new vase. Or place a few stems in homely containers such as old Mason jars.

McCann-Mulligan offers several relatively simple ideas that look complicated, such as creating an asparagus holder for an arrangement of fresh flowers.

"Wrap a rubber band around a 6-inch tall jar. Then wedge in asparagus spears one at a time between the rubber band and the glass," McCann-Mulligan says.

To hide the rubber band, tie a ribbon or piece of raffia around it. Fill the glass with water and add flowers.

McCann-Mulligan also shows how to make floral placemats in her demonstrations. These can be made up to a week in advance and kept in the refrigerator.

Cut a corrugated box to obtain a flat piece of cardboard. Trace a dinner plate on the cardboard and cut out a round. Using a hot glue gun, cover the edges of the cardboard round with large flat leaves such as galax or lemon leaves. On top of the leaves, glue sturdy flowers or those that dry well, such as statice.

Spray the placemat with hairspray to preserve it for a while.

Although flowers purchased from florist shops typically are already in formal arrangements, flowers purchased in supermarkets and other mass outlets usually must be arranged at home, according to The Floral Index.

The ability to arrange flowers attractively is a skill that improves with experience. Here are some tips from

the California Cut Flower Commission to make a better job of it:

— Select a leakproof vase with a neck large enough for the flowers to fit comfortably. A rule of thumb is for the vase to be half as tall as the flowers. Cut the flower stems on an angle under water.

— Florist's foam is easier to cut when wet, and so is using it. Soak it in water containing a floral food solution (available from florist and craft shops) before cutting to fit the container.

— To aid flower placement, use clear tape to make a grid across the top of the container. Place the flowers within the grid.

— If you've accidentally cut some flowers too short, add pebbles or marbles to the bottom of the vase. Float the head of a flower with no stem in a clear bowl.

— As water evaporates, add more. To avoid spills on furniture, use a kitchen bulb-baster to reach into narrow vases and full arrangements.

Although loose soft arrangements are more fashionable right now, some people might want to create the tight bouquets seen in some florist shops. "Flower Genie" is an arrange-by-numbers floral design kit that create tall, flat and asymmetrical arrangements.

The kit includes an instruction booklet, a set of four reusable paper patterns, and a reusable plastic dome with numbered openings and lettered sides. It is meant to fit over a block of floral foam. One non-reusable block is included. Additional floral foam can be purchased in flower and craft shops. The same kit can be used to arrange artificial flowers.

Homes

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On the average

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TOTAL SALES: 26
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$ 128,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,100,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$ 320,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$ 374,231

ALBANY

TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$233,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$265,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$ 0.00
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$249,000

BERKELEY

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$170,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$577,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$279,500

AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$320,917

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$100,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$352,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$236,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$266,500

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$115,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$510,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$204,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$286,571

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$139,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$359,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$200,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$232,667

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$340,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$800,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$480,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 93
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$ 68,500
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$1,225,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$ 177,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$ 262,984

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 21
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$73,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$470,500
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$199,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$217,929

SAN FRANCISCO

TOTAL SALES: 28
LOWEST AMOUNT: \$ 94,000
HIGHEST AMOUNT: \$465,000
MEDIAN AMOUNT: \$235,000
AVERAGE AMOUNT: \$245,125

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BERKELEY/ALBANY



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Berkeley tree-lined st. Corner lot. 2BR, 1BA, sunny, wood floors, fireplace. 1400 Hearst Sun. 2-5.
Devony Corry 510-845-0200

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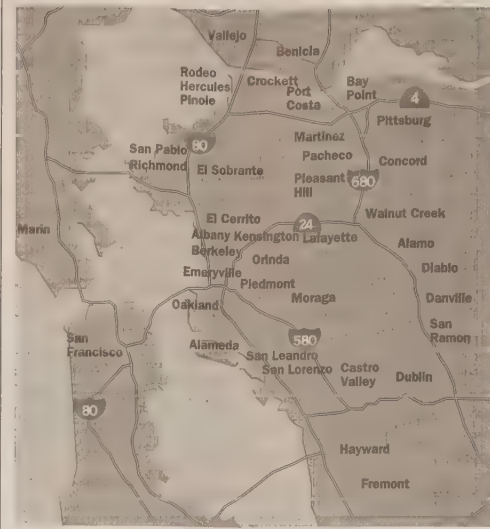
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MANY HOMEOWNERS in the Hiller Highlands say that they would not live anywhere else. They love the privacy, the quiet, the proximity to College Avenue, the country feel and, above all, the incredible views.

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Stanley Hiller Jr. had a hobby building helicopters, and built one of the early ones in his garage, later starting a helicopter company. Stanley Hiller, Sr. gave a plot of land to his daughter, which later became a private section of West View Drive.

She sold this land to Al Howe, who created four lots; around 1960 he built two homes at 1504 and 1516 West View for the owners who re-

main even today. Three of the original owners on this private road still live on West View.

The home at 1512

Today, David Ng, a local resident and master builder, has just completed a stunning contemporary Prairie-style Craftsman home at 1512 West View Drive.

This four-bedroom, four-plus bath home has been skillfully designed by esteemed local architect Richard Janzen.

Janzen has fit the home very naturally and exquisitely onto its lot, bringing panoramic Bay views to all

rooms while offering maximum privacy throughout.

The landscaping by George Alvear has been designed to not only enhance the lines and views of this fine home, but to grow in a way to further bring privacy and abundance.

California Native Buckthorns, which will grow quickly to a height of 25 feet, have been planted across the rear border.

These trees will eventually enclose the rear yard and patio while screening the homes below.

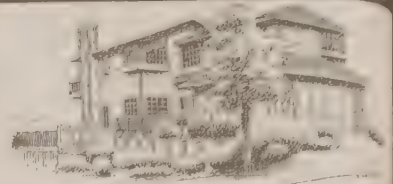
Various other trees and shrubs have also been strategically planted

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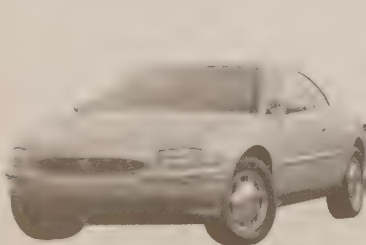
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BERKELEY'S SIMONE BROOKS comes in first and maintains a .03 second lead over Stephanie Cowling of Benicia during the girls 100 meter hurdles at the Tri-Valley track meet at Diablo Valley College.



DAVEED DIGGS of Berkeley won the 100 meter hurdles in 14.39 seconds. He won every event he competed in at the Tri-Valley Area track meet at DVC.

Berkeley girls dominate at NCS Tri-Valley Area track meet

Daveed Diggs only boy participating in two events

By Chris Schofield
CORRESPONDENT

There are certain teams in sports that carry an intimidating presence that can beat an opponent before the competition even begins.

The California Golden Bears rugby team, winner of 10 straight national championships, wins most of its games when opposing teams first see the 17 national championship banners hanging in Witter Field. Likewise, when a challenger

notes De La Salle on its football schedule, the game is counted as a loss before the first day of practice.

And by the time a team steps on the track with the Berkeley High School girls team, it has already lost.

Seven girls and just one boy represented the Berkeley track team last Saturday and the North Coast Section Tri-Valley Area championships.

Collectively the squad entered 10 events, winning eight and completing the other two with second- and third-place finishes. All eight athletes will compete in the NCS Meet of Champions at UC Berkeley on Friday and Saturday.

The girls dominated the team competition with a score of 106 — 48 points

higher than second-place Deer Valley. Senior Aisha Margain ran in five events, and took home Tri-Valley titles in each one. She won the 100 meters (11.91 seconds), 200 (24.10), 400 (56.45) and was a key link in each of the victorious 400 (47.89) and 1,600 (3:51.31) relays.

"It's my senior year," Margain said. "So you run every race like it's your last race."

Junior T'Carra Penick, also a member on both relay teams, finished second in the 400 (56.64) and broke her personal best when she took third in the 200 (24.96) behind two Berkeley teammates.

Junior Katrina Keith likewise set a PR (personal record) when she finished second in the 200 (24.57), and she also

placed second in the 100 (12.078) before concluding her day in the Yellowjackets' 1,600 relay victory.

The other member of both relay squads, junior Raqueta Margain, also placed fifth in the 300 hurdles (48.25).

Senior Simone Brooks surpassed her previous mark in the same event with a 45.96 — good enough for second place, and captured the title in the 110 hurdles (14.97).

In the only field event Berkeley participated in on Saturday, Laura Winnacker qualified for the MOC in the high jump, finishing in third place with a height of 5-2.

Represented by just one member competing in two events, the boys "team" fin-

ished in 10th place out of 22 participating teams.

Senior Daveed Diggs set a meet record in his first race of the day with a time of 14.39 in the 110 high hurdles, besting the previous mark of 14.44 set in 1989 by Clayton Valley's Steve Warren.

Diggs time was the seventh fastest high school time in the state this year.

After a personal best in the 110, Diggs also claimed the 300 high hurdles title, surpassing his previous mark, with a 38.97.

"It feels good," Diggs said. "My times haven't been coming down like I've wanted them to, but now they're starting to drop. And I think they will continue to drop."

Berkeley High School swimmers see balance of power shift to Central Contra Costa

By Mike McGreehan
STAFF WRITER

Not so long ago, it seems, Berkeley High School was a force in East Bay prep aquatics. The Yellowjackets had quality swimmers and quality swimming teams. If they didn't finish among the top 10 teams, they at least had a swimmer or diver with a top-16 result.

Times have changed. The balance of swimming power is now concentrated heavily from Central Contra Costa County down the Interstate 680 corridor.

That truth was never more in evidence than at North Coast Section championship meets the past several years. This year's meet, held last Thursday through Saturday at Campolindo High School's new Soda Aquatic Center in Moraga, was no exception.

Overall, this year's NCS was arguably the best high school meet in history. Several swimmers from the meet will go to Indianapolis for the U.S. Olympic Trials in August. In addition, records fell in seven events, the competition was great, and neither the boys nor the girls team championships were decided until the final event, the 400-yard freestyle relay.

In the end, Carondelet won its second NCS girls team title in three seasons, edging defending champion Campolindo 300-293.5. The boys meet also was close as California High edged Miramonte 214-207.

Berkeley High, however, was nowhere to be found on the list of final team results. That's because no Berkeley swimmer was able to advance from Friday's trials.

But the Yellowjackets did not enter the meet with any unrealistic expectations. For these swimmers, the meet was more about self-improvement than trying to keep up with the powerhouse schools.

"My kids are not looking at the kids from the other side of the hill," said Yellowjackets coach Keith Brooks. "We judge our own performances on our expectations. We don't look at these other

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— Yellowjackets coach Keith Brooks.

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Given their approach to the meet, Berkeley swimmers had reason to go home happy.

The boys 200-yard medley relay team, for instance, entered the meet seeded 39th among 40 teams. Its previous best time had been 1:51.43. But Raymond Chetty, Joel Fatherree, Evan Conyers and Jonah Bilovsky-Muniz went almost two full seconds faster in the trials. They completed the race in 1:49.45, good for 33rd place.

"That's a good sign," Brooks said of the six-place jump.

Conyers, Fatherree, Chetty and Bilovsky-Muniz dropped even more time — and places — in the 400 freestyle relay trials. Again, the Yellowjackets were the 39th seed of 40 entries with a time of 3:36.31. But the Berkeley foursome enjoyed its best swim of the season, finishing in 3:31.13 for 28th place.

Not to be outdone, Berkeley's girls 400 freestyle team also dropped time, as Sallie Oto, Andrea Fajans, Lindsay Rogers and Molly Turner went from a seeded 3:58.76 to 3:52.22 for 22nd place. This effort also resulted in a drop of 14 places from the original seed.

Other events were more challenging. Oto, Rogers, Fajans and Turner moved Berkeley up three places from last seed to 37th in the girls 200 medley relay trials. But their time of 2:03.37 was slower than their seeded time (2:03.37).

Individually, Fatherree finished 18th in the 500 freestyle trials with a time of 5:00.49, just off his entry time of 5 minutes flat. Fatherree also placed 27th in the 200 individual medley trials (2:05.66). His seeded time for the event entering the meet was 2:03.80.

Elsewhere, Chloe Bryson-Cahn placed 19th for the Yellowjackets girls in last Thursday's diving competition. Bryson-Cahn finished with 221.10 points.

Though Berkeley failed to place any of its competitors in the finals or consolations, those fans who came back for Saturday's swims were in for a treat.

Natalie Coughlin of Carondelet bettered her own national high school record she set in the NCS 200 IM two years ago (1:58.84) by touching the wall in 1:58.45. Coughlin also won the 100 butterfly in a meet-record 54.02.

Sprint freestyle Kim Vandenberg of Campolindo also set NCS and national high school records. Vandenberg's national prep record came in the 100 freestyle (49.41). She had earlier set a meet record in the 50 freestyle (23.08).

As a team, Campolindo set meet records in both the girls 200 medley relay (1:46.20) and 200 free relay (1:36.81).

Laura Davis of Clayton Valley swam what was an NCS-best 1:03.02 in the 100 breaststroke trials on Friday. She came back Saturday morning and shattered that mark by winning the final in 1:02.21.



JOEL FATHERREE of Berkeley swims in the 200 individual medley at the NCS championships at Campolindo High School in Moraga.

ALBANY-BERKELEY GIRLS SOFTBALL

By Lucia Hecht
GAMES THROUGH MAY 20

Micro Division

Sole Salon Sunbeams,
The Tiddlywinks

The field was damp Saturday morning, but not for long. A scorching, bright

sun was eclipsed by the play of the girls at the plate, and in the field.

In a blazing first inning, the Tiddlywinks started with hits by Sara Herman, Elana Jacobs-Pontecorvo, and Emma Tadlock-Goldsmith. Near the end of the inning, Katie Tick smacked the ball down the third-base line with the bases loaded. Ana Castillo-James scored a run as Christina Lowe scooped up the ball at third and tagged the base for an out. Two batters later, Meagan Tokunaga fielded the ball at the pitcher's mound and raced to the plate, hoping to force Aisha Ferrazares. Ferrazares broke from third just as the batter, Elizabeth Allen, made contact, and made it home just before Tokunaga arrived.

The Sunbeams displayed superior hitting in their half of the first, exemplified by hits by Isabel Hubbard, Ashlyn Lange, and Maggy Di-Costanzo.

If the first inning was blazing, the second was blistering. Sunbeam Lange, now playing pitcher, scooped up everything that came her way. The officials checked her glove to see if she was hiding a vacuum in it, but none was found: the good fielding was attributed to talent and hard work. Her good fielding led to a number of close plays at the plate, including one in which Castillo-James narrowly beat her to score the run.

The third inning was called on account of sun. Even though the Sunbeams and the Tiddlywinks were melting (who knew Sunbeams could melt?), they managed cheers for each other, and for a game well played. Then all of the girls found what shade they could and drenched themselves with water.

Younger Division

Brehnan Smilemakers 20,
Ask Jeeves 14

Smilemakers Giselle Moreno, Jenna Bortsky, Johanna Heyer, Lisa Gilliland, and Maddie Cousens swatted singles and scored.

Ask Jeeves defense made two outs, both on unassisted plays, one on a pop fly caught by Lisie Dohrer and another by third baseman Kelsey Murakami who ran down an advancing runner. On offense, Ask Jeeves answered with nine singles, with Grace Morrow, Rebecca Studin, and Emily Cote all drilling the ball to the outfield through or over the pitcher.

In the second inning, the Smilemakers' bats glowed with nine singles including a solid line drive by Moreno, and a deep drive for a double by Rachael Masterson. A 6-3 out was had by Chanece Uboldi to Cote.

Ask Jeeves offense was stifled by great defensive plays. Liana Egan singled followed by another by Dohrer. Then a pop fly was caught by Rachel Lazansky-West as astutely doubled off the runner at first with a toss to Brotsky. The third out, a routine 3-1, held Ask Jeeves scoreless.

Although five singles were hit by the Smilemakers, three putouts by a solid Ask Jeeves defense were had

by first baseman Murakami — one was unassisted and two went the 1-3 route, assisted by pitcher Rosie Kirstetter.

In the bottom of the inning, nine singles scored Jeeves Studin, Uboldi, Barbara Barnes, Cote, Valerie Dohrer, and Egan.

Smoldering a bit, the Smilemakers sent all ten batters to the plate, singles and runs were had by Masterson, Sabina Kahn, Willa Rode-wold, Thompson, and Moreno. Jeeves second baseman Barbara Barnes caught a towering fly ball hit by Gilliland, and tried to run to tag second base but was tied at the bag by astute running of Heyer. The Smilemaker defense held tight in the bottom of the inning to allow only one score.

Nelson Meyer Kasrovi
and Ung Bandits 17,
Red Oak Realty Sluggers 19

On a steaming Saturday afternoon, the relentless Sluggers fought back with a seven-run charge in the bottom of the final inning to defeat the spirited Bandits.

The game was marked by tremendous determination of the girls on both teams. Both teams played parts of the game short-handed, leaving all the girls working extra hard under the hot sun in a three-inning contest.

The Bandits set the tone for a strong day of hitting, as each of the first six Bandits to bat scored runs. Keilani Deal and Kirsten Rapella both had three hits, and in the second inning the two girls hit back-to-back doubles. Gabrielle Burkard and Alice Cowens each enjoyed their best hitting days of the season, getting three sharp hits apiece.

Megan Dervin-Ackerman had two singles and scored two runs before having to leave early for a birthday party. And Stacy Buell came up with another outstanding hitting performance, smashing three of the hardest hits of the day.

Unfortunately for the Bandits, the Sluggers enjoyed one of their best offensive days of the season also, including a seven-run first inning. Zoe Jensen, who began that rally with a sharp base hit to right, later hit an awesome triple to start the game-winning rally in the third.

Madeleine Luckel drove home two runs in the first inning with a double, and also drove home Zoe in the third. Sarah Burger continued her hot hitting, scoring two runs with two solid hits. And Serena Sonderreger, Sasha Ginzberg and Peggy Seale were among other Sluggers to contribute key hits.

The two teams flashed impressive defensive moments in the game as well. Haley Klein, so hot that she needed ice cubes in her cap during an inning in left field, nevertheless made a great force play from the outfield to second base. And in one of the most exciting moments of the game, Rachel Marie Chazin-Gray caught a pop-up and nearly doubled up a Sluggers runner with a smart throw to third base.

For the Sluggers, Aine Ritchie-Boland made a dramatic force out at third base early in the game. But it was the Sluggers' strong defense in the final inning that decided the game.

Emily Radcliffe, who had earlier played well at first base, made two force outs at second base to hurt the Bandits' rally. And Brenna Ritchie-Boland ended the inning with a

putout at first base.

Davitt Felder 11,
On the Beam 20

Roxanne Porter's huge, powerfully-hit grand slam highlighted the sparkling first inning for the On the Beam "Hammerheads" as they took the field first in a terrific game with the Davitt Felder "Royals".

Liza Corr showed off her defensive skills for the Royals at third base, making a terrific out late in the inning.

Tajona Sanders was a steady force for the Hammerheads, singling in every inning. Great hitting for the team also featured powerful doubles by Sara Muse, Sonya Javits and Elana Kessler, and a huge triple to the outfield by Hannah Kramer. Skillful, heads-up fielding by Austin Collier displayed some skillful, heads-up fielding at pitcher's helper, as sent two perfect throws to catcher Muse for two big outs at home plate.

The Royals rally in the bottom of the first inning was sparked by a hard single for the RBI by Tahirah Dunlap, and another terrific hit and RBI for Rachel Chernick.

And in the second inning, Emily Cooper's triple was a sizzling hit to the outfield. The Royals played great defense getting outs in every inning, and all players hit consistently single after single driving in 11 RBI.

Middle Division

James Painting
and Decorating Generals 9,
Strategic Economics Panthers 3

The contest began as a pitching duel, as the Generals' Sophie Kolding held the Panthers scoreless in the first and Pamela Tatz, who struck out four in two innings for the Panthers, answered with a shutout in the bottom of the frame.

The Panthers scored two runs in the second inning on a fly single by Pamela Tatz and ground singles by Miriam Rosenau, Janecia Prater and Yona Rappaport.

The Generals came back with a three-run rally in the bottom of the inning when Molly Hudson's RBI single was followed by a powerful double to center from Dominique Ortega. Evan Troost capped off the rally with nice line single to plate Ortega.

In the decisive third inning, Ortega struck out the side for the Generals and her mates pushed across five runs. Malory Knesal scored the first run when Kolding tripled down the left-field line. Daniella Kronenberg's RBI single was followed by a string of singles from Frances Dyson, Ortega, Hudson, Troost, and Caitlin Lew.

The Panthers came back in the fourth on a line single to center by Leah Belzer-Adams and another RBI single by Rosenau.

The Generals responded with a solo home run by Kolding. The game ended when the Panthers turned a nifty double play on line drive to Mary Katherine Morrison, who threw to Molly Antoloy to catch the runner off first base.

Vivian Lopez Mighty Molars 4,
Xinet Zippers 14

The Xinet Zippers took advantage of a short-handed Vivian Lopez Mighty Molars team on Saturday at James Kenney Field to record their best offensive outing of the season. Despite stellar, often heroic defensive work by the Molars, the Xinet offensive attack seemed virtually unstoppable as the Zippers scored in every inning, and brought 10 batters

to the plate in the third and in the fourth.

Offensive standouts for the Zippers included Paige Freiberg, who ripped her second home run of the week and who scored three Zippers runs; and Alia Thomas, who tripled twice and drove in four runs. Lil Woods-Kridle went 3-for-3 on the day with two solid doubles.

The Molars were unable to score in the first or second as they were set down in order by Zippers ace pitcher Sarah Jelinsky. However, their defense came up strong to keep the game close in the early going.

Shortstop Sarah Ball made a beautiful throw to nip Kay Ruiz on a close play at first to end the Zippers' first inning.

In the second, playing with only seven fielders after an injury benched Ball for an inning, the Molar defense showed its character on a beautiful pick-up and cross-diamond throw from third base by Leah Fraimow-Wong, followed by a skillful unassisted putout at first by Mary Pinto to end the Zippers' rally.

The Molars' four runs came in the fourth inning as Elizabeth Day, Ball, Pinto, and Nicole Presher all scored. The Xinet offense was not to be denied this day, however, and before the Zippers' bats finally fell silent, Samantha Cook, Ruiz, Jelinsky, Woods-Kridle, Ryan Heid, Mora Reinka and Thomas had all delivered RBI to seal the victory.

Black, Brown, Lanier
and Jackson Justice 11,
Debbie Raynor Events
Catering Shooting Stars 5

On a sunny Saturday, the Black, Brown, Lanier and Jackson "Justice" team hosted the Debbie Raynor Events Catering "Shooting Stars" team. The game was filled with exciting play, strong teamwork and good sportsmanship.

In the first inning, the Shooting Stars got off to a good start. Teresa Baranowski muscled a single and Emma Fane's single brought her home. Sophia Lewis' single earned her an RBI, bringing the score to 2-0. In the bottom of the first inning, Kayla Sims scored a run for the Justice team.

The second inning was very intense when Justice pitcher Callie Baumgartner struck out two players. The Shooting Stars' Jessica Newell walloped a single, but was stranded on the bases.

The bottom of the second inning produced two runs for the Justice team by Courtney Peters and Judith Joy.

In the third inning, Shooting Stars Baranowski and Fane combined hits again to tie the game. The bottom of the third inning proved exciting. Justice's Sims and Lisa Richardson both singled, with Jenna Nation's triple bringing them home. Eileen Cullen singled, Peters and Joy both tripled, bringing in two more runs. A double by Seraphina Cobeen brought in Joy and Lacey Taylor hit a single bringing Cobeen home for a total of eight runs. Quick defense by Shooting Stars pitcher Sarah Neuhaus and catcher Katie Wishnof prevented another Justice player from scoring.

In the top of the fourth, the Shooting Stars tried to close the gap with two more runs off hits by Levis, Rachel Kahan and Neuhaus. Justice shortstop Nation showed good defense, catching a fly ball.

Both teams showed remarkable energy considering the length of the

game and the heat on the field

Older Rec Division

Nolo Press Sharks 13,
Prins Chiropractic 11

After a close game with some excellent defensive plays, the Nolo Sharks emerged with a victory.

Though both teams scored four runs in the first inning, the game was mostly a pitchers' duel. Both teams' pitchers — Sarah Dobjensky for Nolo and Amanda Hansen for Prins — were outstanding. Dobjensky struck out six batters (three up and three down in the second inning) and Hansen struck out four batters in the first two innings. In addition, Hansen caught a line drive to make the third out in the second inning.

In the third inning, Prins Chiropractic scored five runs off four singles including a powerful line drive by Liana Carness.

The Nolo Sharks, despite great defense by Prins shortstop Leana Petry, couldn't be stopped and scored six runs to take a 10-9 lead.

The Shark's tight defense showed up in the fourth inning with Amaya Blanco, Erica Dickinson and Julia Linton getting the first three Prins' batters out. Despite another great catch by Petry, the Shark's scored three more runs off of three hits including a double by Emily Silverstein and the inning ended with the Sharks ahead 13-9.

In the fifth inning, singles by Carness and Lauren O'Connor-Korb and a double by Jessica Jaime of Prins Chiropractic threatened the Shark's lead, but the Sharks held them to two runs and the game ended 13-11.

Jeff Cohen
Electric Sparkies 9,
Graphic Traffic
Orange Crush 6

Power hitting and key defensive plays figured prominently as Jeff Cohen Electric Sparkies bested Graphic Traffic Orange Crush 9-6 in Saturday's matchup at Fielding Field.

The Sparkies took a 3-0 lead in the first inning after a double by Diana Fenstermacher-Ritchie and singles by Annie Rigney and Jenny Wheeler-Stein.

The Orange Crush answered with four runs of their own off hits by Darcey Kurashige-Elliott, Olivia Beckley, Amelia Kurashige-Elliott, Hannah Tashjian and Vanessa Pratt. The Sparkies scored another three runs in the second inning. Martina Miles hit a powerful line-drive single to left center. However, Crush pitcher Pratt was able to hold off further scoring by striking out three Sparkies to end the inning.

In her first at-bat for the Crush, Lara Kline laid down a great bunt on the third base side.

Sparkies pitcher Wheeler-Stein retired two Crush batters and got out of the inning leaving three Crush runners stranded.

Devin of the Sparkies scored the lone run in the third inning by stealing second, third and home. The

Crush was held scoreless by Sparkies pitcher Emma who caught a fly and threw a 3-1 out at first.

The Sparkies staged a winning rally led off by Ryan and followed by hard hitting and Fenstermacher-Ritchie. The Crush was not able to get back due to key defensive Sparkies.

Fenstermacher-Ritchie Kurashige-Elliott's hard hitting to third and in the game. Sparkies catcher Casey foiled Kline's attempt to steal.

Older Traveling Division

Jane Hammond
Events Hurricanes
San Leandro Hurricanes

It was a scorcher in San Leandro as the hot bats of JHE Hurricanes ignited a firestorm of runs. Jane Hammond made their statement in the middle of the hard-fought game. Fielding last month, JHE aggressively in the first inning, zing shot up the middle. Feingold, who then scored. Feingold, sliding home on an RBI by Sarah Lucas.

In the bottom of the pitcher Danielle Moore scored two runs in order, added a grand catch in right field by mon-Ortiz to take away what have gone for an extra run.

In the second inning, lender-Scott led off with a single, advanced to third when Olin slammed the ball to center scored as Rebecca Schlitz on her home.

After a leadoff single up fleet-footed Victoria Rohrer home scoring from first. Lucas followed with her second double of the day bringing in from second.

A flurry of hits and aggressive base running by San Leandro bottom of the inning narrowed the lead before strong defense by Ortiz on the pitcher's mound quashed the rally.

Patient at-bats leading to singles by Moore, Priewe, Rohrer, Lucas, and Ortiz scored two more runs fourth, then defense by Julia Granholm's solid work base put out San Leandro.

JHE had another big fifth, scoring three times in a ripped two-run homer to follow by Feingold's trip the first-base line.

Strong hits by Moore, Priewe scored two insurance runs the sixth and seventh while a fence on fly balls and four by Simon-Ortiz prevented JHE from closing the gap.

As these two closely teams have kindled an rivalry, it is a shame that they face off again this season.

SPORTS BRIEF

Running

The 35th annual Dick Houston Memorial Woodminster Cross Country Trail Race will take place at 9 a.m. at Joaquin Miller Park on Sunday, June 18. The race, sponsored by the Island City Runners, will start in the Pinewood Picnic and continue through Redwood Regional Park. The race will follow a hilly, 9-mile scenic cross country loop on dirt

trails. The start will be based according to age and gender. Woodminster is the second Bay Area "Triple Crown" races. The Dipsea and Double are the other two legs.

To register for the Wood call Gareth Fong at 655-4200. Runners can also register the of the race from 7:30-9 a.m. \$12 for pre-registration of race day.

Willis, Olson overwhelm Panthers 13-3

Panthers seeded
eighth at NCS,
play Jets (1) todayBy Joe Wolfcale
STAFF WRITER

ALAMEDA — When the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League baseball coaches met last Monday for their all-league meeting, they named Dontrelle Willis of Encinal High School and Piedmont ace Matt Shartsis as co-most valuable players.

Next year maybe they will wait until after the league playoffs before deciding who deserves the coveted award.

Willis is clearly the league's most dominant player. Expected to be a high pick in the major-league amateur baseball draft next month, the 6-foot-3, 180-pound senior demonstrated his immense talent Friday afternoon in the ACCAL championship, going 4-for-4 and driving in six runs in two top-ranked Encinal (24-2) to a 13-3 victory over St. Mary's in six innings at College of Alameda.

"It's an imperfect system, what else can I say?" said Encinal coach Jim Saunders, when asked how the league coaches voted for the MVP award.

Willis, whose value to major-league teams is as a pitcher, drilled his ninth home run of the season, a two-run shot in the second. He also had two doubles to lead the Jets, the winners of 14 consecutive games. He scored four runs and didn't miss a

beat at first base.

Junior catcher Jimmy Olson smashed his 13th home run of the season, a two-run shot in the bottom of the sixth to bring the curtain down with the 10-run rule in effect.

Encinal, which has won five of the last six ACCAL titles, and St. Mary's (15-11) both earned berths in this week's North Coast Section playoffs and will, ironically, play each other today at Willie Stargell Field at 3:30 p.m. The Jets pulled down the top seed, whereas the Panthers are seeded eighth.

As for Willis, he will likely start for the Jets today, which is not such good news for the Panthers.

"Dontrelle's not just the best player, he's the guy who sparks that team," St. Mary's coach Andy Shimabukuro said. "He just has that energy. I don't think you can really put into words what he means to that club, especially in terms of his leadership."

In the semifinals Wednesday, Willis fired a four-hit shutout and had two hits, including a two-run

double as Encinal defeated El Cerrito 10-0 in six innings. In two play-off games, Willis was 6-for-10 with nine RBI. Olson and Willis have combined for 22 home runs this season.

Because Willis pitched six innings in the win over El Cerrito, Encinal relied on Jason Rivera and he didn't disappoint. Relying on off-speed stuff, Rivera (7-1) scattered seven hits and allowed three earned runs to pick up the victory.

St. Mary's starter Jeremiah Fielder (4-3) allowed 10 hits, walked two and hit one batter. He was also hurt by four St. Mary's errors.

Encinal scored two runs in the first on RBI singles by Willis and Olson after Terrence Taylor led off the game with a bunt single.

The Jets put up a six spot in the second on Taylor's two-run single and a two-run double by Willis. Two errors contributed to the big inning for the Jets.

Fielder got two ground outs to lead off the third, but he walked Taylor and Noel Strane reached base when the catcher dropped a third

strike. Willis made him pay when he drove the ball over the 370-sign in right-center field.

Willis led off the sixth with his second double and Olson followed with a line shot over the fence in left to end the game.

"It really wasn't because we didn't have any fresh arms," Shimabukuro said. "Jeremiah is one of our best pitchers. I don't think anyone we have could have gotten them out today. I'm not disappointed that we lost today, we just didn't swing the bats very well."

The Panthers trailed 11-1 until the fifth, when Omar Young's RBI single and Miyawaki's sacrifice fly scored two runs and prolonged the game another inning.

A 6-4-3 double play ended the threat with the bases loaded.

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Safe at home

Rehab services will increase thanks to Tennis Classic

By Dave Weinstein
SPECIAL SECTIONS EDITOR

A stroke is devastating. In an instant an active person with a full life can be reduced to immobility, unable to perform the simplest actions without help.

"They can't walk," program coordinator Charla Callan says of some of her patients. "They can't roll in bed. They can't toilet themselves."

"It's pretty catastrophic, what happens to these folks," she says.

The In-Patient Rehabilitation Program of Alta Bates is one of the Bay Area's top centers for the care of people suffering from "cerebral vascular accidents." The program's physicians, nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists, occupational and physical therapists and other professionals strive to return people to independent living as quickly as possible.

The program plans to expand its services — adding just a bit of

"out-patient" services — with funds that will be raised from the Tennis Classic.

The goal, Callan says, is to increase home assessment services for stroke patients who are about to return home. Before any pa-

JOHN HARDIN, returning home from Alta Bates after a stroke, reintroduces himself to Harley, the family cat. The real cat, that is, Susan Erickson and Elizabeth Kleine, part of the Alta Bates home evaluation team, help him maneuver in his new walker.

MIKE RUSSELL/STAFF



tient is released, a team of two rehab staffers — an occupational and a physical therapist — will visit the patient's home to determine what needs to be done to make it safe and livable.

The team will determine whether there are any architectural barriers that need to be removed or renovated, such as doors that are too narrow for wheelchairs. They will also delve into potential hazards.

The rehab program currently provides this service only for patients with the most severe disabilities or with the most limited family support, Callan says. Many of their patients are low income.

With funds from the Tennis Classic, she says, the plan is to provide the service for all.

"If we can do it, and if we have the resources — it all comes down to resources — we're going to do it."

What Callan hates to see more than anything else are rehab patients who must be re-hospitalized. Sometimes they return to the hospital because they have had a second stroke. But often, she says, they return because they have fallen, or cannot care for themselves at home because they haven't received basic out-patient services.

Medicare and other funding agencies have cut reimbursements for home health care drastically over the past few years. This is part of a national effort to control healthcare costs.

The consequence has been that many disabled people who could remain at home are being forced into hospitals or nursing homes. Others simply re-



ELIZABETH KLEINE, an occupational therapist, measures a door in the Hardin home to make sure his wheelchair and walker can get through.

main at home, but without the services they need.

Alta Bates' assessment duo will determine what needs to be done in the home, and will put the patient and the patient's family in contact with social service agencies or other groups that can provide help, Callan says.

"The environment may not be a safe one to be released to," she says. For example, a bathtub may need a grab bar or a plastic mat. An oven may be situated so that

it could burn a stroke patient who has lost sensation on one side of her body.

Whenever possible, the assessment will be done with both the patient and the patient's family, as a form of education, she says.

"We want to make their transition a little easier," Callan says, "and a little more safe."

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JOHN HARDIN gets some practice climbing stairs with a walker.

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MURPHY JENSEN, a certified tennis great and a star of the Classic along with his brother Luke, chats with Cal student Amy Jensen after their game at last year's event. The chance to hobnob with stars is one of the thrills of the Tennis Classic.

Tournament benefits the community

By Paula King
STAFF WRITER

Linda Peltz believes that tennis has played and become friends with many celebrities and donors — even though she only sees some of them during the event. It's not just playing together that forms such bonds. It's working together to camaraderie, which can develop into sincere friendships.

Peltz, who helped create the

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THE JENSEN BROTHERS play two Cal students in the delightful setting of the Berkeley Tennis Club, with the Claremont in the background.

CINDY ABEL enjoys a game of tennis while supporting services for the community at last year's Alta Bates Tennis Classic

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benefit Alta Bates, she says. "There is a sense of love with the people involved even if they have no connection to the hospital," says Peltz. "Every year we all look forward to seeing the participants again and renewing friendships. It is because of our common love of tennis."

This year's tournament will take place Saturday, June 3 at the Berkeley Tennis Club and Claremont Resort.

The eighth annual event will benefit stroke recovery and cardiac care and the Alta Bates Foundation hopes to raise \$200,000. In the past, the tennis classic has benefited several Alta Bates programs involving AIDS, prostate cancer, sickle cell disease and breast cancer.

The presenting sponsor is once again Kimberly Clark. At least 100 volunteers also help to make the event possible.

More than 1,000 spectators will watch 36 media, sports and entertainment personalities be matched against patron players from the community.

Among the most popular athletes and celebrities are former Oakland A's pitcher Vida Blue, Oakland Raider defensive end Ben Davidson, "Young and the Restless" star Eric Braeden and Michael Dorn of "Star Trek: The Next Generation."

Many of the celebrities in the tournament take the competition very seriously. They begin training months ahead of time to improve their game and strengthen their legs for a full day of tennis, according to Steve Lundine, president of the Alta Bates Foundation. One of the best players



"BAWWATCH" actress Kelly Packard signs her John Hancock for a fan during the Classic.

KATHLEEN BELESKE/STAFF



THE JENSENS down with Cal students Eric Dmytruk and Scott Kintz.

among the celebrities is Bernie Kopell, who played Dr. Adam Bricker on "The Love Boat." Kopell won the top celebrity division honor last year.

"The great thing about this tournament is that people that love tennis can meet some great professional players and those that are statagazers can rub elbows with the celebrities," Lundine says.

Meet the celebrities

Exhibition Players

Luke and Murphy Jensen known as the "rock 'n' roll brothers of tennis," 1993 French Open Doubles champions

Note: Celebrity appearance are subject to last-minute change.

Sports Celebrities

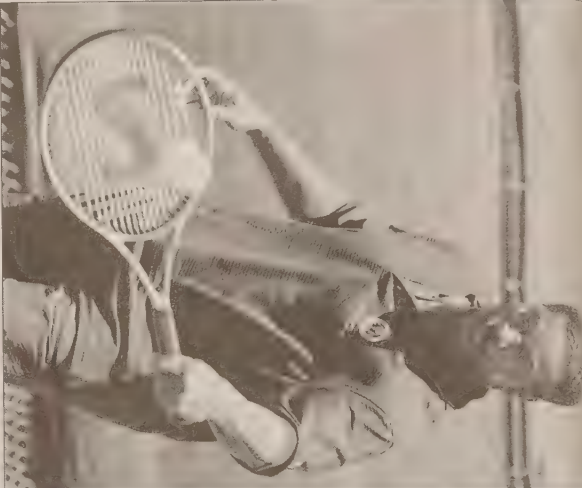
Vida Blue — former pitcher for the Oakland A's and San Francisco Giants; a 20-game winner three times; in 1971 was both the Cy Young Award winner and the American League's MVP

Jeremy Bringham — currently a tight end and on special teams for the Oakland Raiders

Ben Davidson — premier All-League defensive end with the Oakland Raiders in the 1960s

Scott Dreisbach — current back-up quarterback for the Oakland Raiders

Richard Harvey — currently a linebacker for the Oakland Raiders



DWIGHT HICKS, a celebrity player formerly with the 49ers, gets off a better return than he'd anticipated during a game last year.

KATHLEEN BELESKE/STAFF

known for their wild court-side antics. In the past, they've played with a guitar in one hand and a racquet in the other.

Lundine refers to them as the Harlem Globe Trotters of tennis. This is the world class team's second year to return to the tournament as headliners. Recently, they were acknowledged in Tennis magazine as among the top 100 most influential people in tennis during the 20th Century.

"Love Boat" and had regular roles in such classic sitcoms as "Get Smart," "That Girl," and "Bewitched."

Louis Mandylor — co-stars on "Marital Law" TV series

Ron Masak — starred as Sheriff Mort Metzger in "Murder She Wrote"

Robert Pine — starred as Sgt. Joe Getrauer on the TV series "Chips"

Brad Sherwood — appears regularly on ABC's "Whose Line Is It Anyway?"; co-starred on "L.A. Law" as the love-struck nanny

Fal Sparks — host of "Talk Soup" on Entertainment

Nick Stabile — one of Hollywood's leading young actors; appeared as Dennis Wilson in recent TV miniseries "The Beach Boys"

Rob Stone — TV actor (Kevin Owens in the ABC series "Mr. Belvedere"); currently an award-winning filmmaker

Andy Weber — model/actress who has starred in 10 feature films

One reason Dr. Susan Eisenberg, a young cardiologist, was excited about joining the Berkeley Cardiovascular Medical Group at Alta Bates was because the hospital provides a full range of care to its patients suffering from heart-rhythm problems.

This included both implanting pacemakers and defibrillators, maintaining them afterwards.

Pacemakers, which keep the heart beating properly, and defibrillators, which deliver a sudden life-saving shock when the heart falters or stops, are being implanted in more and more patients. But many hospitals are not equipped to take care of them once they are implanted.

The devices need to be monitored to make sure they remain in working order. The wires, known as "leads," that connect the devices to the heart need to be monitored and periodically replaced.

The devices are implanted just below the shoulder, and the lead wires are routed to the heart through veins.

"It's a disservice to the patients if you can't deal with the complications," Eisenberg says.

Alta Bates, which has always been known for its advanced care, wanted to be able to keep the devices functioning and to remove and replace the leads when necessary.

Eisenberg, who specializes in electrophysiology, was looking forward to learning the technique

BY JANE WATSON/STAFF

of lead extraction. But that was before she saw how "brutal" pull.

"It was a sort of brutal pull," she says, explaining that over the years, heart muscle and other tissue grow around the wires. "Once the wire is screwed into the heart," she says, "it can become attached to it very firmly."

"The joke was, you had to put your foot on the patient's chest and just pull," she says. "I just didn't have the stomach for it. I couldn't handle that much risk," she says. "It was too scary."

The technique was more than cumbersome. It was dangerous, with a 30-percent chance of major complications — including cardiac arrest or death.

The procedure needed to be performed in an operating room with heart surgeons at the ready. The operation lasted up to five hours, and patients would have to be hospitalized for up to a week afterwards.

Thanks to the Alta Bates Tennis Classic, however, the old "grab-and-pull" technique has been replaced by "laser lead extraction."

Based on funds it will receive from the Classic, the hospital has leased-to-purchase a \$200,000 laser lead extraction machine, the size of a portable dish washer, and received the necessary training. Now Eisenberg is working with her colleague, Dr. George Horvath, who actually operates the device, to remove leads in a much safer fashion.

The laser lead extractor is also being used at Alta Bates to clear obstructions in coronary arteries.

Alta Bates was the first hospital in the East Bay to get such a device. The second, shortly afterwards, was John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek.

Before the two hospitals installed the device, East Bay patients had to trek down the peninsula to Stanford Medical Center, according to Eisenberg.

Laser lead extraction works by inserting a metal wire plus a miniature laser and camera into the vein, surrounded by a plastic sheath. When the surgeon enters the East Bay to get such a device, the second, shortly afterwards, was John Muir Medical Center in Walnut Creek.

The result is a faster and much safer procedure, performed in an operating room and requiring on average only 90 minutes. There are major complications in only 3 percent of patients. Most patients go home the next day.

Laser lead extraction, Eisenberg says, provides "a kinder, gentler way for removing leads."

Implanting pacemakers and defibrillators is becoming more common as physicians learn to identify people who have not yet had cardiac arrests but are at risk.

Now that Alta Bates has such a system, she says, "This will help us up to do the best thing for the patient."

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Independent living, online education will also benefit

ALTA BATES

Funding from the Alta Bates Tennis Classic will help the hospital's Outpatient Rehabilitation Program develop a geriatric assessment for frail elderly individuals living at home, or in the community in assisted living centers.

An interdisciplinary team including a neuropsychologist, an occupational and physical therapist and a speech pathologist, will evaluate how well frail individuals can function on their own, and will determine what services they need.

The team will look at the individual's risk for sustaining a serious fall, their ability to complete the activities of daily living, their ability to manage finances, to maintain adequate nutrition and hydration, their current medication regime, the need for any changes in med-

ical treatment, and the need for in-home support services.

Following the assessment, the team will recommend whatever services or changes in treatment are needed.

The intent is to keep our elderly population functioning at their highest level of independence in a non-institutionalized setting.

Alta Bates is also developing a comprehensive patient education program for both inpatient and outpatient services that will be available via the Internet for consumers.

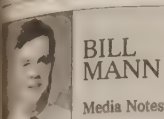
This program, which will also benefit from Tennis Classic proceeds, will provide a needed service to consumers who are normally unable to access health care information or services due to lack of resources or because they live in distant, rural areas.



THE ALTA BATES CELEBRITY TENNIS CLASSIC gives tennis players — both amateurs and professionals — an opportunity to have fun while raising money for a worthy cause.

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Arts



BILL MANN
Media Notes

Long weekend, short attention span

Tongues are wagging even more than usual in local radio these days. That's because "Radio Play," Daphne Brogan's revealing one-woman stage show, is coming to San Francisco's smallish Noh Space stage June 1-3. The outspoken, funny and bawdy Brogan was Dr. Dean Edell's producer/call screener for several years. And word is out that her show, which deals with some of the behind-the-scenes chicanery in radio she's witnessed, will include plenty of laundry — including some about a powerful local radio executive whose supposed infidelities were chronicled in Herb Caen's column. The exec is still in power, by the way. The telegraphic Brogan, who co-hosted CNET's TV show and was on camera for Edell's "Hey Doctor Dean" series seen on KGO-TV, is Ms. Ubiquitous lately. You may have seen her on CNN, plugging the Direct-TV show she co-hosts, "Movie Showcase." Her "Radio Play" just opened out of town, and spies and emissaries from local radio stations will probably be in the S.F. audience taking notes. Brogan obviously hasn't heard of the phrase, "You'll never work in this town again." Or if she has, she chooses to ignore it since she works OUT of town, too, these days. Speaking of Daphnes (you won't get handed a segue like THAT very often) while Daphne's (Jane Leavess') sudden and hurried elopement with the newly married Niles (David Hyde Pierce) on last week's season finale of NBC's "Frasier" looked a little like a case of *deus ex machina*, at least the reedy Niles' situation with the lovely Brit is usually, after seven seasons, known to both parties. As a cliffhanger ending next season, however, Frasier's running off was almost predictable. Now, will we have to wait an entire season seeing if the two will actually get hitched? That's the case, we can probably expect the first Daphne-Niles union somewhere around 2007 ...

Horray. May sweeps finally ended last night. And not a minute too soon. "Dateline NBC" will have to wait until November for its next ear-wrenching expose about poppy mills, and by those next sweeps, CBS's Dan Rather may be able to look at himself in the mirror again. This after hosting a delectable "48 Hours" report this week blithely titled "It's Only Sex." This hard-hitting hour revealed, among other things, that what was once referred to as "wife-swapping" is now retitled (and repositioned) as "The Lifestyle." The CBS report also claimed that two million married Americans are "swingers," and that "The Lifestyle" is a major trend. (We'll celebrate our 32nd anniversary this week, and my wife and I were fascinated to learn that monogamy passes, at least according to the FBI & Co.) Real classy, Dan, especially that segment featuring an interview with a Florida swinging couple's two teen-age sons asking the boys' reaction to their parents' adulterous outings. There's a real pro, and here's the proof: He actually kept a straight face on camera Monday night. After time Dan furrows his brow, and grills Bill Clinton about his personal life, perhaps the President might want to ask Dan about his classy show he fronted this week.

Wilson ad campaign: KGO Radio exec Ken Berry revealed to me this week that the station's newstalk station is about to launch a big ad campaign — on KRON — to let Channel 4 viewers know that KRON anchor Pete Wilson will soon be coming to KGO to do a weekday afternoon show. Berry also told us exclusively that he's decided to give up his irreverent lawyer/talk show after a second shift, Saturday afternoons from 4 to 7. Berry will replace, as he did on KRON last year, an installment of the orgasmic-sounding "The Dr. Laura." That's because the controversial radio dominatrix KRON 730 sister station KGO on July 3. Berry's announcement follows the revelation that Wilson, who does his entire show from his law office in Sonoma, has been get-

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CHUCK TODD/STAFF

Hollywood by the Bay

Many a cinematic story was filmed in our back yard

By Vera H-C Chan

STAFF WRITER

The tourists are coming! The tourists are coming!

The high price of living in the Bay Area is to put up with distant relatives, long-lost friends and out-of-towners with tenuous connections who decide they want to visit. Inevitably, there's always some starry-eyed guest who thinks Hollywood is just on the other side of the Bay Bridge and is intent on visiting this glistening celestial firmament.

Luckily, you don't have to leave the Bay Area to a version of Tinseltown, because Hollywood keeps coming here. Many memorable film scenes have been shot hereabouts, far more than we mention in this list

RESOURCES

"Northern California Movie Locations" by Scott Trimble, www.sfbay.stst.net/Movies is an unparalleled resource, with some stills showing local landmarks. For more on-site information, consult the following:

■ "Shot On Site" by William A. Gordon (Citadel Press Book, 1995, \$15.95)

■ Berkeley Film Office, Convention & Visitors Bureau, 510-549-7040

■ Contra Costa Convention and Visitors' Bureau, 925-685-1184

■ Oakland Film Commission, 510-238-4734, hotline 510-238-3456, filmoakland.com

■ San Francisco Film and Video Arts Commission, 415-554-6244, hotline 415-554-4004

■ San Francisco Convention & Visitors Bureau, 201 Third St., Suite 900, San Francisco, 415-391-2000, www.sfvivisitor.org

■ Tri-Valley Film & Video Commission, 925-846-8910

■ California Department of Tourism, 916-322-2881

<http://gocalif.ca.gov/movies> (includes a PDF of a color movie map poster), www.cinemascout.com

■ "San Francisco Movie Map" by Dave Monks (Reel Co., 1996). Unfortunately, it's out-of-print, but the history room in the San Francisco library has a copy.

■ "Vertigo" virtual tour: www.widescreencinema.com/vertigo/tour.htm

■ "Dirty Harry" virtual tour: www.movietours.com/harry/intro

— but this guide should amply satisfy cousin Bertha or Uncle Hiram. So get your map, walking shoes and video rental card ready.

Before the pictures could talk, Esanay Film Studios set up opposite

the foothills on Niles Boulevard, Niles, in southern Alameda County. Charlie Chaplin's last film shot in Niles was "The Tramp" (1915).

According to local Pleasanton historian and architect Charles Huff, the

1917 films "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm" and "Tom Sawyer" were shot respectively on Main Street and along the Arroyo Del Valle.

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HOT SHEET!

■ The Oakland Museum of California presents "California Classic: Realist Paintings by Robert Bechtle," through Oct. 1. Call 888-625-6873.

■ The UC Berkeley Art Museum presents "Master of Fine Art Graduate Exhibition," through July 2. It is the 13th annual exhibit of work by candidates for the master's of fine arts degree. Call 510-642-0808.

■ Berkeley Public Library's South Branch presents "You're Blase: The Art of Nick Mastrick," through June 15. Free. The library is located at 1901 Russell St., Berkeley. Call 510-644-6860.

EVENTS



DEUCE (l-r, Ellen Seeling and Jean Fineberg) will perform contemporary jazz at 4:30 p.m. Sunday, June 11, at Jazzschool/La Note, 2377 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. Admission \$12 or \$10 for students and seniors. Call 510-845-5373

The sixth biennial Berkeley Festival and Exhibition—June 4-June 11. Featuring artists, scholars and instrument makers from Europe and North America, the Festival offers one of the world's richest schedules of performances of medieval, Renaissance and Baroque music. It is produced by Cal Performances in cooperation with the Department of Music at UC Berkeley and the San Francisco Early Music Society.

There will be some 30 festival concerts, as well as fringe events performed at venues close to the Berkeley campus, according to Robert Cole, director of Cal Performances and festival founder.

The exhibition will run June 8-June 11, featuring handcrafted instruments by many of the world's finest craftsmen and instrument makers, sheet music, recordings, new and rare publications, mini-concerts and instrument demonstrations. The exhibit will be in Pauley Ballroom in the Martin Luther King Jr. Student Center.

Groups on the performance schedule include France's Ensemble Clement Janequin, led by countertenor Dominique Vise; Canada's Ensemble Anonymous; the Flanders Recorder Quartet; and the acclaimed Baroque ensemble Rebel.

Much of this year's festival will focus on works by J.S. Bach in celebration of the 250th anniversary of the composer's death. Programs will feature much of the composer's greatest music, according to Cole, as well as many of his principal interpreters. In addition, American Bach Soloists will hold its second international Bach competition, this year for young violinists.

"Scholarship, combined with imagination and creativity, have resulted in some of this year's most intriguing programs," Cole said.

Two reconstructions of dramatic spectacles are cases in point.

The first and most unusual is an equestrian ballet titled "Le Carrousel du Roi" originally performed in 1612 for the celebration of the marriage of Louis XIII. This pageant and dressage spectacle predates Austria's famous performing Lippizianer Stallions. The other reconstruction is a historical staging of Handel's dramatic cantata, "Aminta e Filidee."

For the grandiose French "Le Carrousel du Roi," 21 horses and riders will perform the complex ballet patterns. The ballet reconstruction has been made by Berkeley musicologist Kate van Orden with U.S. Dressage Federation medalist Creeky Routson and Teresa Trull based on historic descriptions, engravings and drawings. It is being worked out with dressage

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'Dinosaur' hatches

Effects wow, but story is straightforward

By Karen Hershenson

STAFF WRITER

Dinosaur's "Dinosaur," with its wondrous fusion of computer artistry and real-life settings, propels animation to the next evolutionary stage.

The gnarled hide of the beasts ripples, and every hair on furry animals flutters independently. The backgrounds, culled from locations in Australia, Venezuela, the Mojave Desert and elsewhere, are breathtaking. Great care went into this \$127 million spectacle, whose price tag reportedly climbs to \$200 million if you include the digital studio built to make it.

And what subject more worthy than dinosaurs, who have captured the collective imagination for decades. These prehistoric creatures already proved their ability to stampee the box office with "Jurassic Park" and its sequel, while a recent Discovery Channel special drew record-breaking audiences.

But this is a kinder, gentler dinosaur movie, geared more toward youngsters whose fascination with these beasts competes with that of Pokémon cards and Beanie Babies. They may miss seeing that bad-boy behemoth T-rex, replaced here by lesser-known mid-Cretaceous species such as carnotaurus and microcer-



MAMMALS (the lemur family) and reptiles (Aladar, left, and Neera) find a common cause: survival.

atops.

The dinosaurs talk, but never lose their dignity, voiced by just a handful of known names — Alfre Woodard, Julianna Margulies, Joan Plowright. For the most part, this is gimmick-free Disney, marked by earnestness and a large measure of authenticity.

They took a sweet, straightforward approach in scripting the film, careful to be wholesome and politically correct. It's intense at times, because a carnivore's gotta do what a carnivore's gotta do, but never so graphic as to rattle young nerves.

The story borrows from "Tarzan" and Moses, with a dinosaur egg dramatically plucked from its nest and borne across the ocean to an island. There it's discovered by a chatty band of lemurs, who raise the hatched iguanodon as if it were their own. His name is Aladar (D.B. Sweeney), and despite his brute strength, he's as playful and compassionate as his adopted clan.

Days are spent frolicking and foraging until a terrifying — and magnificently rendered — meteor shower foreshadows the devastation to come. The damage is so extensive that the

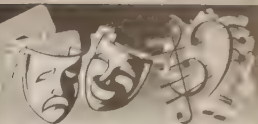
veggie-eating Aladar and his lemur family flee their home, hooking up with a ragged group of dinosaurs trekking across the parched landscape to their lush nesting grounds.

Among the personalities are Reese as a world-weary styrachosaur, and Margulies as Neera, a potential mate for the lovable Aladar. Pushing the band forward with cold-blooded resolve is her brother, Kron (Samuel E. Wright). Although these characters speak, they never stoop to the level of cartoon, and I'd be surprised

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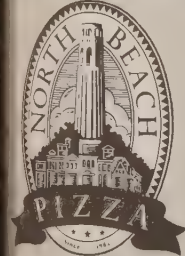
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"A Conversation on Curriculum" for middle school and elementary school parents takes place on Wednesday, May 31, 7-9 p.m. at the Albany Middle School Library, 1259 Brighton Ave. Speakers include Superintendent Gary Mills and Assistant Superintendent Constance Hubbard. Childcare provided.

The Stagerettes Academy presents a musical, "School House Rock Level Jr." on Saturday, May 27, 1 p.m. at John Muir Elementary School Auditorium, 2955 Claremont Ave. The performance has an all-kids cast, singing songs like "A Noun is a Person, Place or Thing," "Pickup Your Adjectives," and "The Great American Melting Pot." Tickets: \$10, children 2-12 \$5, under 2 free. No reservations needed. Tickets are available at www.tickets.com or call 762-2279 or 415-478-2277. Tickets also sold at box office before each performance.

Kids and their adult companions can explore the UC Botanical Garden with docent Lois Paul the last Sunday of every month at 1 p.m. The next dates are May 28 and June 25. Call 643-1924 to reserve your place. For the talk: \$15 for garden members, \$20 for non-members. Call 642-0849 for additional information.

Luna Kids Dance (LKD) offers dance and acting classes for children and teens ages 3-17 in a fun and supportive environment. Locations: Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave.; El Centro, Contra Costa Civic Theater, 951 Pomona Ave.; Oakland, Glenview Performing Arts Center, 1318 Glenfield Ave.; and Montclair Women's Cultural Arts Club, 1650 Mountain Blvd. For more information, call the LKD central office at 530-4113.

LGBTQ Parent and Prospective Parent Groups meet the first Saturday of the month 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. with concurrent childcare. All groups meet at the Pacific Center at 2712 Telegraph Ave. in Berkeley. Donations are requested, but not required. For information or to RSVP, contact Anna at familyprogram@yahoo.com or 415-789-8560 classes.

The Ann Martin Children's Center offers eight "Support Groups For Mothers," sessions for first time mothers and babies their babies under 5 months. Experienced facilitator. For information: 524-0821.

"Theater Rats," Julia Morgan's kid's theater camp program, offers swimming, singing, dancing, acting, and field games as some of its exciting activities. The camp is a two-week session for kids 6-14. Call 883-7023 for additional information.

Health

Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave. from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuro-pathic disorder. Call 524-3506 for additional information.

YWCA Health and Community Education: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, 846-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Community

The Berkeley Methodist United Church presents its 42 annual Cultural and Culinary Bazaar on Sunday, May 28, from 12 noon to 4 p.m. at 1710 Carleton St. The event features Japanese and other crafts and Teriyaki Chicken Box Lunch, baked goods, children's games. For more information, call 848-4680.

The Turning Point at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, offers a "Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons or by appointment. Anne Levine, Ph.D. has a background in Design and Education. Price: \$15 for YWCA members. \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 for additional information.

Marion Rosen, founder of Rosen Method bodywork and movement, presents the Method through lecture, demonstration, and experiential practice. Rosen is joined in the presentation by Sara Webb, Senior Teacher of Rosen Method bodywork. Location: Feldenkrais Resources, 830 Bancroft Way. Admission: \$10. Reservations are strongly recommended. For more information or to make a reservation, contact Abby Paige, at 845-6606.

Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. To register, or for more information, call the Office of Emergency Services, 644-8736.

Berkeley Art Museum, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture. College of Environmental Design on Alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. For additional information call 642-0808.

Overeaters Anonymous meet Fridays at 1:30 PM at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the childcare room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? For further information, call Katherine at 525-5231.

Toastmasters, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for additional information.

Civil Rights activists needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

"Work Buddies," volunteers needed to perform volunteer work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Upton, 644-8292.

Psychic Healing clinic, 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief. 1-800-642-9355.

SMART project; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8802 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

The Edible Schoolyard, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335 for information.

English-in-Action lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley, Call 843-9716.

Women's Daytime Drop-in Center in Berkeley; serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless. Needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For more information, call 466-5663.

Exhibits

The Richmond Museum of History's popular exhibit, "Fore & Aft: Wartime Shipbuilding," has been extended to run through May 31. The exhibit presents three current projects that are helping preserve the legacy of Richmond's WWII shipbuilding activities. Admission is free. Call 235-7387 for additional information.

New Leaf Gallery, 1266 Gilman St., Berkeley presents the outdoor show of contemporary sculpture in weathering, painted and stainless steel by 11 artists through May 28. The gallery's hours are Wednesday, through Sun, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. For additional information, call 525-7621.

The Albany Arts Committee presents "Form, Shapes, and Portraits," a photography exhibition by Len Blau through May 31 at the Albany Community Foyer Gallery, 1249 Marin Ave.

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Jenny Lee and Monica Marin, "Two Women Creating," open their 2716 Russell St. studio. Both women are artists dedicated to their craft and currently sharing teaching positions at Park Day School in Oakland. Each has spent the past 20 plus years living and loving the creative process. All work will be for sale. For additional information call 644-9341.

"Snowmen in Summer" a solo exhibition by Carrie Lederer takes place at the John F. Kennedy Arts Annex, 2956 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. Gallery hours: Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. For additional information call 649-0499.

Alta Bates Medical Center presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for additional information. New

Pieces Gallery presents a list of artists for the year 1999. Located on Solano Avenue, New Pieces is the only gallery which shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779.

Literary Events

Barnes & Noble, 2352 Shattuck Ave., presents Dr. Donald Epstein, discussing "12 Stages of Healing" on Tuesday, May 30, 7:30 p.m. Free. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

Author Mimi Lyster discusses her new book "Child Custody: Building Parenting Agreements That Work," on Wednesday, May 31, 7:30 p.m. at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck. Free. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

The Reading Edge is available for public

use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Alston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge, after that, reservations are needed. Call the Reference Desk at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

Meetings

A Town Hall meeting to discuss the Berkeley Housing Authority takes place on Wednesday, May 24, 6-8 p.m. at the South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis, near Ashby. This is the second in a series of free meetings. Tenants can help improve and impact the planning process for the federally-required Public Housing Authority Plan. Sponsored by the Affordable Housing Advocacy Project (AHAP). Parking is possible. Free refreshments. For more information call 800-773-2110 or 510 549 2970.

The Kensington 55+ Arlington Ave., Kensington, on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Kensington Senior Center, 2939 Ellis, near Ashby. This is the second in a series of free meetings. Tenants can help improve and impact the planning process for the federally-required Public Housing Authority Plan. Sponsored by the Affordable Housing Advocacy Project (AHAP). Parking is possible. Free refreshments. For more information call 800-773-2110 or 510 549 2970.

The YWCA offers free Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information call 848-6370.

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Grand Join Beijing Express Toastmasters. The Smart Club! Meetings take place every second Monday, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at Beijing Express Restaurant, 2068 Center St. For additional information call 549-2721.

Toastmasters Meeting Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice with us every Tuesday, Noon to 1 p.m. at 1801 Hearst. Call 644-6107 for additional information. The Berkeley Toastmasters Club meet on the second and third Wednesday of the month from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant. Details: 524-3765.

Berkeley Arthritis Support and Education Group meets on the second Wednesday of each month (except December) from 1 to 2:30 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium, Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight Way. Dr. Brian Kaye, a rheumatologist, has treated many patients with various types of arthritis and will be available for questions. For additional information call 842-4903.

Toastmasters on Campus meet the second and fourth Wednesday of the

month from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. at the English Language Program Building, 2515 Hilegass. Details: 704-1822.

Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together at Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters. On-going meetings first and third Thursdays, 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hilegass Ave., Call 869-2547 for details.

Spirituality and Healing Voices of Healing Story Circles. Spiritually oriented healing group for people living with life-threatening illness. Meets second Wednesday of each month in North Berkeley. Call 528-1235 for information.

State Health Toastmasters Club meet every second, third and fourth Thursday of the month from 12:10 to 1:10 p.m. at the State Health building, 2151 Berkeley Way. Details: 649-7750.

Higher Alignment, 7 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. Mondays; fun, informative seminars creating spiritual partnerships; Feldenkrais Center, 830 Bancroft Way, Berkeley; (415) 461-5337; \$20.

Alta Bates Support Groups - Arthritis Support Group meets the second Tuesday of every month, 1 - 2:30 p.m., 204-4503. Call for additional special events.

Overeaters Anonymous, a 12 step program providing free aid for those with eating problems, meets in Berkeley every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. (newcomers at 8 a.m.) at St. John's Church, 2727 College Ave. and in Richmond every Thursday at 7 p.m. at Kaiser Hospital, 901 Nevin (take Elevator C to the third floor). For further information, call 273-9292.

TOPS, 9:30 a.m., Mondays; Take Pounds Off Sensibly, Albany Chapter meets at

980 Stannage St. at Mann, 233-2948 or Karen, 525-6858.

Avatar Metaphysical Toastmasters; meetings on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 6:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Call 643-7645.

Toastmasters; noon - 1 p.m. Tuesdays, stand up and say what you mean; practice with the toastmasters; 700 Heinz Ave., Berkeley; 883-6708.

Alta Bates Rehabilitation Center and East Bay Neurology sponsors a free monthly stroke support group. No advance reservations are required, drop-in anytime. The group meets the first Tuesday of each month from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the Maffly Auditorium on Herick Campus, 2001 Dwight way. Berkeley Details: 204-4503.

Music

Jane Santos and the Carnival Band with guitarist Roberto Mendoca perform at Cafe Capoeira, 2026 Addison, on Friday, May 26, 9 p.m. This is a pre-carnival dance party with a special dance performance of Mistura Brasileira! Tickets: \$10 advance, \$12 door. For additional information, call 428-0698 or 528-1958.

The Berkeley High School Concert Orchestra presents a benefit Spring Concert on Friday, May 26, 7:30 p.m. in the Community Theater, located on the

Berkeley High School campus. Playing Mozart, Dvorak, St. Saens and Stravinsky, the students will use the same instruments as those used by Berkeley High students in the '60s. Proceeds will be used, in part, to upgrade the instruments, buy new strings, new bow hair, new bridges, new parts, as well as purchase music and secure space for future performances. Tickets: \$4 general, \$1 students and can be purchased at the door. Children 12 and under free. For additional information, call 415-247-7222.

The Distaff Singers, an established East Bay Women's chorus, is seeking new members. No auditions required, just a

love of singing. Classical, pop, sacred, Broadway. Rehearsals Tuesday nights, 7:15 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. Call Michelle 601-5824, or L.J. 482-1877.

Ducksan Distones, featuring Donald Bailey on piano, vocals, harmonica, Isaiah Dixon, Acoustic Bass, Michael Lanford, Drums and Larry Justino on Fretless Gibson L4, perform every Saturday night from 10 to 11 p.m. at Anna's Place, 1801 University at Grant. All ages welcome.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave. presents Grateful Dead DJ night with Digital Dave and Jazz Z.D. on Thursday nights.

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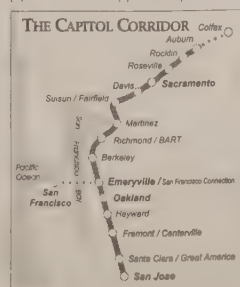
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Notes: *San Francisco is the Port of San Francisco Ferry Building
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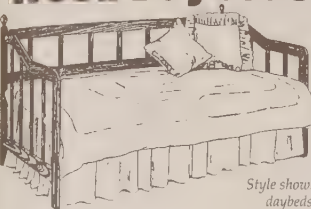
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What do you do when everything is 'good and deserving'

People are wonderful. They really, really care. And because they really, really, really care, more and more of them are forming organizations to Do Something About It. And because more and more of them are forming organizations to Do Something About It, there are more and more fund raisings, and more and more letters in my daily mail for more and more Very Good and Deserving organizations — and well ...

Unfortunately, the volume of the letters in my daily mail has an inverse affect upon my ability and desire to donate. Oh, I agree that something Must Be Done About It, and I admire so much the people who are, indeed, working to Do Something About It. It's just that I weary a bit, after reading of the great need there is, and how people are proposing to answer all the great need, and all they need is my help. Would that I had won the lottery and could really help.

You know all of it, I am sure. The environment: The situation in Tahoe and the Sierras, where the lake is so threatened, and the trees are diseased (we drove around the lake recently and I was terribly disheartened at the sight of so many beautiful trees showing distinct signs of disease). Of the threatened Old Wood forests, and how careful we must be to balance the needs of the forest with the loss of jobs in the lumber industry.

Then there is Mono Lake which was completely desecimated by the amount of water taken out of it, which, thanks to 'people like you' is

being brought back to life — and it really is a miracle. But it needs more and continued help if its health is to be permanent.

And there is the great need for open space; the terrible havoc wrought in the rivers by the many dams that we have built through the years; the important work that is being done to save the creeks — of which we have several in our little area — and to clean the beaches and to make the Bay Trail (what a great concept, and it is already so successfully being built) and to save the whales, and to clean the oceans, and to — but there are so many of them, and all so right and so good and so needed.

If it were only the environment. How about the children? Ah, the children. Our future. The future of the world, and the all-too-neglected segment of our society. Heaven knows that the schools have needs so great that they daunt you, just thinking about them. And people have great ideas about how to help them. You hear about it in one of two schools — experimental programs that are so wonderful, that, if expanded to more and more schools could do such great things. Reading one-on-one programs, programs to help with homework, programs to expand the children's experiences, programs to help young people plan their future — and let them know that they do have a future. So many fine programs, if only all the schools could have all of them — and we had all the money and all the volunteers it takes to make the programs run successfully.

But we mustn't forget the medical needs. So many, so great. AIDS, of course, the great curse of the 20/21st centuries. But also Cancer, and Muscular Dystrophy, and MS, and ALS, and Diabetes, and Arthritis, and — you know them all. All of them are close to being cured — if only there was enough money and time and people to do the research that will bring the answers. And meanwhile all of them need help.

Is that all? Heavens, no. There are the organizations to save endangered children, the organizations to help the battered women, the organizations to help ...

It is all there, the needs, and all very valid and very real and very needy. How in the world do you decide what you can do and who you can help? I thought for a while that I would concentrate only on local organizations that are doing the things I think are wonderful. And that was a very good thing to do. Except that all the letters and pleas I received left me feeling guilty and desirous of giving.

And I threw myself anew into volunteer work for the things I believe in, very deeply. But I have been doing that anyway, and though it is most rewarding, it doesn't seem to be enough.

So I am back to sifting through the heartbreaking letters that I receive, trying not to feel cynical about them, doing what I can in my very small way.

I did belong to an organizations that was going to take up this matter in an organized fashion, but I am not an organized person, so it didn't

work for me.

And reading too many appeals from too many very real and very good organizations for very real and very important causes can cause several very wrong reactions, such

as cynicism, and even pain. Alas, I have no answers. If any of you have I would love to hear about them.

As always, I ask for you input: interesting people, events, organizations,

Community

By Clara R. G...

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Support

Alta Bates Medical Center Herrick Campus offers a guided relaxation and visualization for people with cancer every Thursday, 5-6 p.m. at its Comprehensive Cancer Center, first floor Conference Room, 3001 Dwight Way. The Center offers this solution with an innovative approach to reducing stress and anxiety and creating positive, life-affirming images. Call 204-1811 for additional information

Alta Bates Medical Center, offers a Grief Education Class every third Saturday of each month, 10 a.m. to noon at ABMC Herrick Campus, 3001 Dwight Way. The class covers common and personal grief reactions. Fee: \$10. No one refused due to inability to pay. For further information, contact 841-2930.

Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers support group classes for stroke survivors and their families and friends on the first Tuesday of the month, from 4-5 p.m. at the Herrick Campus of Alta Bates Medical Center. There is no admission charge and advance registration is not necessary. Call 204-4503 for additional information

The Comprehensive Cancer Center and Breast Center Salon, Alta Bates Medical Center, 3001 Dwight Way, offers a support group for friends and families coping with cancer. The support group is offered on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. This is a free service. Call 204-1811 for additional information.

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fornia is still accepting applications for its Youth Pilot Support Program currently underway at Lucille Packard Children's Hospital at Stanford. The group meets monthly and is open to teens suffering from lupus and other rheumatic diseases. For more information, call (408) 954-8600 or visit www.bal.org

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2001 Olds Aurora arrives after tantalizing unveiling

Keane on Wheels

By Tom Keane

Oldsmobile people teased me badly. First, they showed their 2001 Aurora at an auto show over a year ago, then allowed me to drive it briefly last December.

At last, my desires have finally been fulfilled. For the past week, the all-new Aurora was all mine.

When this car was unveiled at the 1999 New York Auto Show, I couldn't believe my eyes; its crisp lines were very eye-catching.

It was obvious that Oldsmobile's design team went all out to do something exciting with their 2001 flagship. I studied the exterior and wondered who this car would appeal to most. My answer was threefold: youth, women, and old men like me.

Void of glitzy molding, a simple angular crease runs down the upper side of this four-door sedan, with another dramatic crease in the doors, giving the Aurora a strong muscular appearance.

The grille is understated with air intakes built into the bumper. Starting with a tight front end, the car's crescendo builds to a large rear end with backlights and wraparound taillamps.

This model has a wider trunk lid, making it easier to load important parcels such as golf clubs. What sets off the overall appearance are chrome-plated aluminum wheels with 17-inch tires.



OLDSMOBILE'S DESIGN TEAM went all out to do something exciting with their 2001 Aurora. The chrome-plated aluminum wheels with 17-inch tires helps offset the Aurora's overall appearance.

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Drive, She Said



By Denise McCluggage

Think about your car's future when preparing a will

By Denise McCluggage

Occasionally, a driver is so enamored of his car that he chooses to be buried in it. That preference, however, is rare enough to leave unchallenged the statement, "You can't take it with you." Unless your set of wheels is a total junker destined for a landfill, don't even consider the car as a final resting place.

If your vehicle can realistically be classified as an antique, a classic, an exotic or a desirable street rod, it can be an asset to your heirs and/or save you tax money, provided that you plan ahead. That's the advice of McKeel Hagerty, president of Hagerty Classic Insurance of Traverse City, Mich.

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NHTSA's Purpose

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's goal is to save lives, prevent injuries and reduce traffic-related, healthcare and other economic costs. The agency develops, promotes and implements educational, engineering and enforcement programs to reduce vehicle-use and travel costs.

Just checking oxygen voltage will tell the story. An engine not operating at normal temperature will also cause the engine to run rich. This procedure is diagnostic protocol.

Ask the Auto Doctor

By Junior Damato

Dear Doctor: I own a turbocharged 1990 Eagle Talon with all-wheel drive. I have taken the car back to the dealer five times due to poor gas mileage. Currently, I'm getting only 14 mpg. The only problem the technicians found was a small crack in the exhaust manifold. Could this crack be the reason for poor gas mileage? Jeff

Dear Jeff: Your turbo Talon, like all vehicles that have oxygen sensors, relies on exhaust gases to correct and maintain the proper amount of fuel-to-air mixture. With a crack or leak in the exhaust system, the oxygen sensor will not get a true exhaust mixture, therefore sending the computer the wrong command.

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Just checking oxygen voltage will tell the story. An engine not operating at normal temperature will also cause the engine to run rich. This procedure is diagnostic protocol.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1990 pickup with the 5.0-liter V-8 automatic transmission. The miles on the odometer are 100,000. The engine is cold and runs high at 1,100 rpm. When the transmission in drive, the pickup lurches forward. Once the pickup is warm on level roads with the accelerator, the truck runs 35 mph and the rpm stays at 1,100. Shouldn't the idle speed be 1,000 rpm? The dealer has checked the pickup and said this is normal. Dear Fred: The engine you describe is normal. The high cold-speed idle is a low. The hot-idle speed will be 1,000 rpm in neutral, not in drive, coasting on level roads. An opinion from another shop or use of the Mastertech scan tool will reveal all input signals.

Dear Doctor: My daughter has a 1990 Ford Taurus. The wipers will not go and stop in normal position at the bottom windshield. One dealer says the wiper needs a wiper motor and another says the problem is the wiper motor. How can we tell what the problem is? Don

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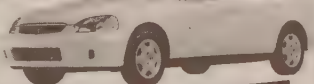


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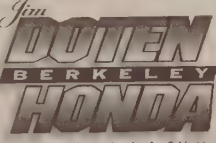
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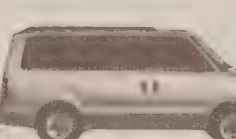
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Drive

FROM PAGE D1

Classic also wants to sell insurance on those special cars. Fortunately, they do it at a much lower rate with fuller coverage than ordinary car insurers who don't understand the collector territory.

The Hagerty company has produced guidelines that car collectors can talk over with their lawyers, estate planners or accountants.

1. Discuss the matter with your attorney to create a plan that will satisfy your income and estate tax goals.

Be aware that spousal rights can affect your plan, so take your spouse's interests into consideration.

2. Review your plan regularly.

3. Have your vehicle or collection appraised at least every five years to keep your plan current with the market, as well as your needs.

4. Consider all estate-planning options. The federal government imposes a tax of 37 percent on your estate at your death, if it is worth a certain amount.

In 1999, that amount was \$650,000. With steady increases, the minimum amount will reach \$1 million in 2007. The maximum estate tax can be 60 percent.

5. If you are thinking of giving a collector car as a gift while you are still living, be aware that you can give \$10,000 per year to one person, (\$20,000 if your spouse like-wise contributes.) If your gift is worth more than that amount, it could be taxed at 37 percent or more.

6. If you donate a collectible to a charity while you are alive, you receive a charitable deduction on your income tax that year. You also be reducing the size of your taxable estate.

7. Investigate advantages in donating or giving away cars that are likely to appreciate in value. If these vehicles remain in your collection after your death, their increased value may raise your estate taxes quite substantially.

McKee Hagerty points to the expansion of the car-collecting hobby and the importance of planning what to do with these cars without the risk of paying unnecessary taxes.

"We encourage [owners] to visit an estate-planning attorney for proper and thorough planning," he says.

Further information on collector-car insurance and on estate planning can be obtained by calling Kim Seguin at JMPR, 818-992-4353.

Donating cars to charity for a tax deduction has become widespread and is, therefore, increasingly drawing the attention of the IRS, which is checking for possible irregularities.

The problem, however, usually lies with cars of no collector value. People often donate these vehicles as much to clear their driveways as to help a charity.

Before answering ads that promise large deductions for donations of cars, check out the program.

Many of these ads are placed by for-profit middlemen, who donate 10 percent or less of the take to the charity.

Also, be wary of claiming "book" value for a car that has been run hard and put away in rusty condition.

Exaggerated value will not hold up in an audit.

It's wise to consult a knowledgeable lawyer when it comes to the dona-

tion of collector cars to tax-exempt organizations.

Tax deductions for personal property donations are usually limited to either what you paid for the item or, its value at the time of donation, whichever is lower (yes, lower.)

Make sure that any collector-car donation will be recognized at its appreciated market value, like fine art.

Remember that donating a collectible car to a museum could save it; after all, that nephew beneficiary could wreck the car.

Might as well be buried in it.

Doctor

FROM PAGE D2

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Dear Tom: The manual

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FROM PAGE D1

couldn't wait to drive it. My opportunity to get behind the wheel came last December when Olds introduced the Aurora to the media. Just sitting in the driver's seat felt special. Although I sit behind the wheel of new cars every week, I longed for this particular seat. Perhaps being tantalized and enamored at the auto show was the reason.

By actually sitting in the car, I was able to observe the interior ambience. I appreciated the designer's input with such things as leather seats that are easy to slide into, two-tone door panels, and burl walnut wood paneling. Yet eye-appeal wasn't the only attraction. This car made me "feel at home" immediately; all the buttons and dials were exactly where I expected to find them and it had a smart overall appearance.

The instrument panel has two very large analog dials — speedometer and tachometer — plus the gas and coolant temperature gauges. For in-depth information, a separate window tells all. The automatic gear shifter has a nice feel and it ties in with traction control. Seat positions can be preset to accommodate two settings, and exit

buttons makes it easier for exiting. But my one day December encounter was much too brief.

Finally, this week I got to drive this \$35,000 luxury sedan. I now have had a better opportunity to observe other features such as the automatic climate control with a separate control on the passenger's door. It has a tire inflation monitor, overhead console and garage door opener, and delayed illuminated entry and exit system.

The sound system is great. The CD is easy to operate, but the controls for the tape player are too complicated. The sound quality can be quickly changed depending on the type of music. The rear seat has plenty of leg room. It even has storage pouches for magazines or maps. Cupholders in the rear seat area, they are in the center armrest.

The 4.0-liter V8 engine produces 250 hp, accelerates quickly, quietly and very smoothly. This midsize car has a solid "big car" ride, yet handles nimbly.

Even after driving the 2001 Aurora for the entire week, I'm still unable to find any shortcomings. It's everything I expected when I first laid eyes on it. My only complaint was the bedeviling time the Olds people took before I could park it in my drive.

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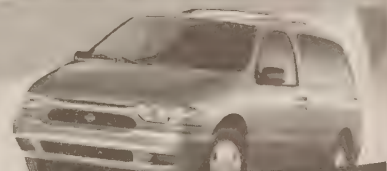
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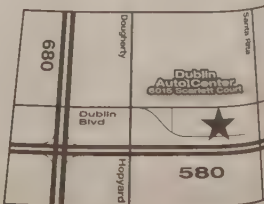
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A map of the Atlanta area showing the locations of 16 numbered points of interest. The map includes major roads like I-75, I-85, I-285, and I-405, as well as local streets like Peachtree St, Peachtree Dunwoody Rd, and Peachtree Industrial Blvd. The numbered points are distributed across the city, with a concentration in the central and northern parts.

A map of the San Francisco Peninsula showing the route of the San Francisco Peninsula Expressway (SR 880). The map includes labels for Fruitvale, High St, East 14th St, and Highway 880. Numbered markers 3, 17, 7, and 22 are placed along the route.

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1937 K-model Lincoln hooks admirer with its beauty

By Vern Parker

Just because you weren't alive in the early 16th century doesn't mean you can't appreciate the artistry of Leonardo da Vinci's "Mona Lisa." Likewise, Rick Parker shouldn't be excluded from enjoying Lincoln automobiles from the classic era of the 1930s.

Parker is too young to appreciate these cars when they were new. Many antique-automobile aficionados are interested only in cars from their own teen-age years or, occasionally, cars from their parents' era. Those people are shortchanging themselves, as would the art lover who would dismiss the marvelous "Mona Lisa" because it's almost 500 years old.

Parker has long been interested in antique Lincolns, which is why in 1995 he attended a Lincoln owners' club gathering in Dearborn, Mich. There he saw on display Leland Lincolns, Ford Lincolns, Continental and Zephyr Lincolns, all the Roman-numeral Lincolns and the heart-stopping K-model Lincolns built from 1931 through 1939.

Parker was hooked. He concedes it. After seeing the K-models on display, he spent the rest of his time searching for more information about the big, beautiful cars. Having done his homework, he then spent the better part of five years searching for the one to buy.

"I looked at some Lincolns I had no business looking at," he said. They were too exquisite and too pricey. After perusing the various models, Parker decided his car would have to have a top that went down, and the overall condition could not be of show quality.

Following up on a tip from a Canadian friend, Parker telephoned a Lincoln owner in Atascadero, Calif. Yes, he had a K-model Lincoln, and, yes, it was for sale. Parker flew to California and saw the 1937 K-model

Lincoln with the LeBaron convertible roadster body.

Only 15 such models were built in 1937, and this is the only one ordered with the optional dual side-mounted spare tires. The 5,490-pound Lincoln is 17 feet, 10 inches bumper to bumper.

To move that mass is a silky smooth, 414-cubic-inch V-12 engine with an extremely wide rev range that produces 150 horsepower. It was the first year for hydraulic valve lifters.

"This car was whispering to me," Parker recalls. It was exactly the type of Lincoln he wanted in exactly the condition he wanted, but he was long on desire and short on cash.

He returned home. Then he thought: "home."

Equity from his house could help pay for the Lincoln. He called the California owner and told him of his plan. The two men met at the early October auto gathering held each year in Hershey, Pa., where a cash deposit traded hands.

When the home-equity transaction was completed later that month, the remainder was sent west as the car was trucked east. "On Nov. 5, the K-model arrived in Rockville, Md." The truck delivering it was too large

for the residential street, so a nearby church parking lot served well as the place where the elegant old Lincoln first rolled onto a Maryland road surface.

In 1937, the K-model Lincolns were offered in two wheelbase lengths.

The long one, 145 inches, was for limousines and sedans, while the relatively short 136-inch version was for "sporty" coupes and roadsters, like Parker's car. When new, the base price was \$4,950.

For that princely sum, the buyer got a stylish car with a rumble seat and a trunk, albeit a small one; a golf-bag compartment with a separate door; a new-for-1937 synchromesh transmission; and doors extending down to the running boards for styling simplicity.

Parker believes he is the eighth owner of the roadster. He says it was shipped on May 5, 1937, from the factory to Long Beach, Calif. The car now wears a handsome coat of ascorot maroon, and its outrageous length is emphasized by triple pin-stripes. From the driver's seat, the racing greyhound hood ornament seems miles away. Closer at hand is the 100 mph speedometer. Parker points out the uniqueness of this par-

ticular instrument. The face of the gauge is labeled speedometer/tachometer. Only one needle moves as speed increases, regardless of the gear used. At 10 mph, the tachometer shows 500 rpm; at 20 mph, 1,000 rpm; and at 50 mph, 2,500 rpm.

"It takes a case of oil when changing oil," Parker remarks. The crankcase capacity is 12 quarts, but the gasoline tank holds 26 gallons. It has to, because Parker estimates his fuel economy at about six or seven miles per gallon. People who could afford \$5,000 cars in the 1930s didn't worry about the price of gasoline.

Parker leaves the side mounts uncovered because he can't decide which of two pairs of covers to install: the metal covers that match the body or the canvas covers that match the top. The one thing Parker has had to do on his Lincoln has been to pack the leaking water pump. He plans to verify the reliability of his K-Model Lincoln before August, when he'll get behind the three-spoke steering wheel and drive to St. Louis for a gathering called "Lincolns in the Millennium."

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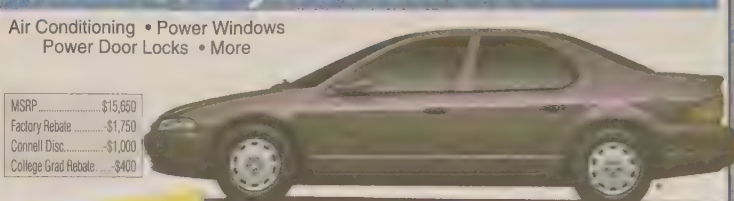
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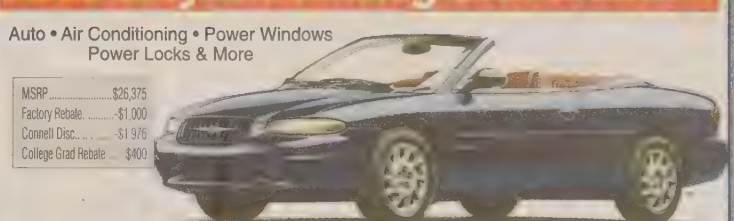
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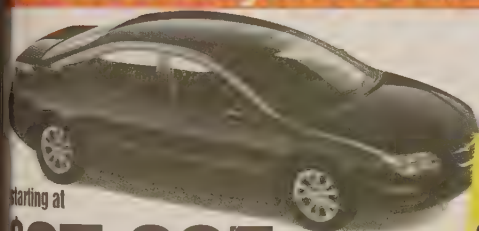
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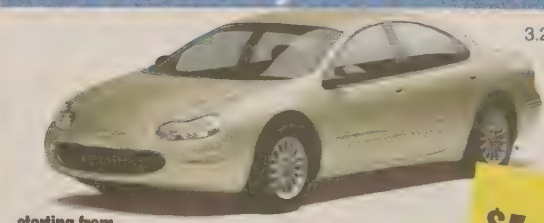
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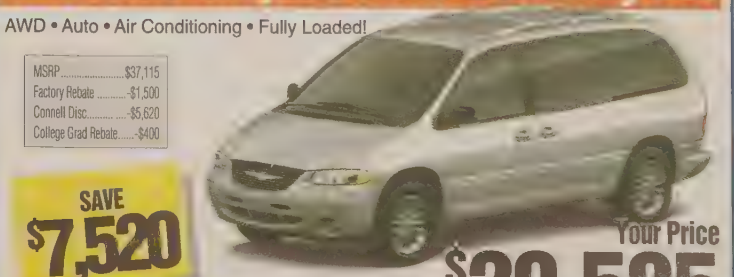
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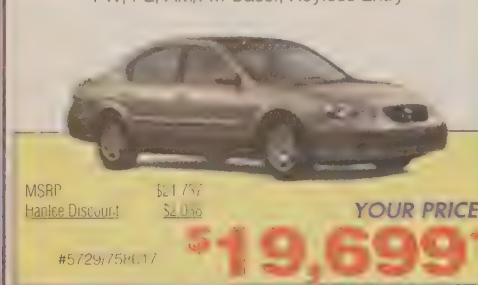
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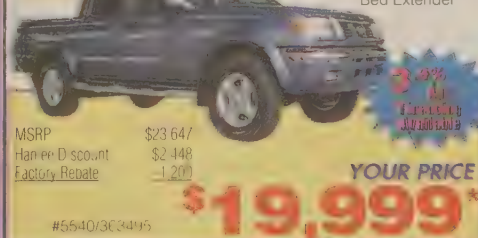
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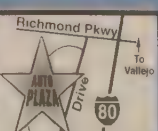
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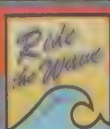
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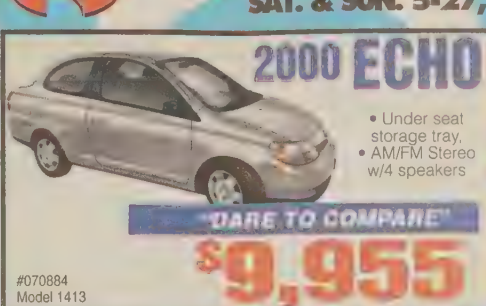
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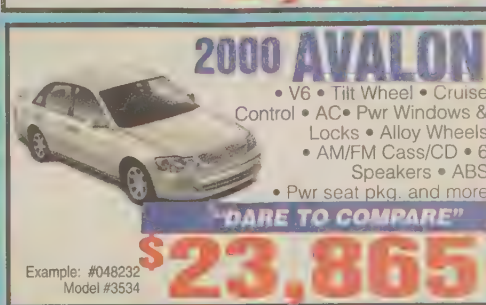
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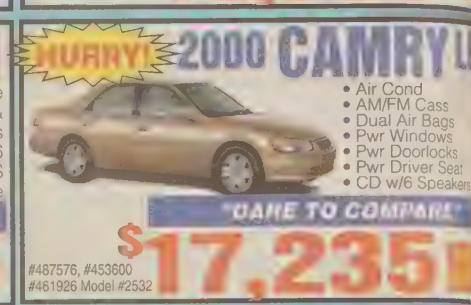
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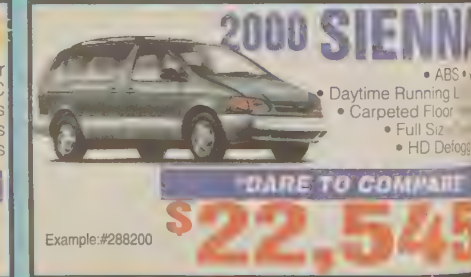
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Mixed Greens With Smoked Ham, Black-Eyed Peas, and Roasted Red Pepper Dressing

1 red bell pepper
1 clove garlic, smashed
1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
¼ cup olive oil
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon fresh-ground black pepper
½ pound mixed salad greens (about 4 quarts)

¼-pound piece smoked ham, such as Black Forest, halved lengthwise and cut crosswise into thin strips

¼ cup drained and rinsed black-eyed peas (from a 15-ounce can)
Roast the pepper over a gas flame or grill or broil it, turning with tongs until charred all over, about 10 minutes.

When the pepper is cool enough

to handle, pull off the skin. Remove the stem, seeds and ribs.

Cut the pepper into pieces.

In a blender, combine the roasted pepper, the garlic, vinegar, oil, salt and black pepper.

Puree until smooth.

In a large bowl, combine the greens with the ham and black-eyed peas.

Serve the salad with the dressing spooned over the top.

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Keeping up the French tradition in cooking

By Judith Weinraub
THE WASHINGTON POST

Think Julia Child. The face, the voice, the books come sharply into focus.

Think Emeril Lagasse. The master of Creole cooking and popular culture is easy to envision.

Or Wolfgang Puck. Jacques Pepin. Paul Prudhomme. Whether we've eaten at the tables of these chefs or bought their cookbooks, television and their Web sites — have made them frequent visitors to our homes.

But think Anne Willan, and the icon might not pop up right away.

Yet after Julia Child, Willan, by dint of her books alone, has probably done more to illuminate French cooking for home chefs than any other woman in America or England. Or, for that matter, in Estonia, Israel, Turkey, Israel or Sweden or any of the other 24 countries where her books have been translated into 18 languages. Through some 30 books (counting each volume of her 17-volume series, "Look & Cook") and her brand-new "From My Chateau Kitchen" (Clarkson Potter, \$45), Willan has proved herself an impeccable authority on the history and techniques of French cooking.

"Anne is British, but she's a walking encyclopedia on the history of French cooking," says Francois Dionot, director of L'Academie de Cuisine in Bethesda, Md., who met her almost 25 years ago. "I could learn things from her about French cuisine."

Willan, 62, has also had an impact

through the 3,000 or more students and interns who have passed through Ecole de Cuisine La Varenne, the culinary school she founded in Paris in 1975. Many of them are now chefs, food writers, editors or stylists, working all over the United States.

And then there's the throng of enthusiastic nonprofessionals who have attended the school's offspring: in France, La Varenne at Le Chateau du Fey in Burgundy and in the United States, La Varenne at the Greenbrier resort in West Virginia. Yet in this country she's not that well known.

"Anne isn't a public figure, but it doesn't matter," says Ris Lacoste, executive chef at Georgetown's 1789 restaurant, who studied and worked at La Varenne after she graduated from the University of California at Berkeley in 1981. "Her students are in high places in every cooking field in this country. She's an amazing teacher. At La Varenne, we learned to do things properly. You really learn classic, classic technique. You master it. (The experience) gave me the passion and the technical ability to do what I do, and not cut corners, to do all the things you need to do to create perfection."

These days, with the world of wine and food expanding, Willan's achievements in the culinary arts might not seem all that remarkable. But in 1961, when the independent-minded young woman from the English countryside walked away from her prestigious Cambridge Univer-

sity education to study (and after only three months, teach) cooking — and classical French cooking at that — her decision seemed a little wacky. At least to her family. In her world, young women were expected to fill in time until they married. According to Willan, her father kept saying, "With all that education, you're just cooking."

But she was determined to direct her own course. "I said 'I really would like to do something up in London,'" she remembers. "And I got hooked."

She was "hooked" on her studies at what was then the world's leading culinary school, Le Cordon Bleu, first in London, and after two years, in Paris. The subject matter engrossed her — "I'd always been domestic-minded," she says — and Paris liberated her spirit. She didn't want to go back to England where her Newcastle accent marked her and her origins predicted her future. "When I got to France I felt at home," she says. "I found myself."

Living with an aristocratic French family who rented her a maid's room, she had just enough of an independent income to manage while she completed her studies at the Cordon Bleu. Then an ad she placed in the International Herald Tribune offering cooking lessons and catering led her to Florence Van der Kemp, the American wife of Gerard

Van der Kemp, the curator at Versailles, and eventually to New York. "After two years in France I realized I'd never make enough money to do more than live in a room in somebody else's house," she says.

Her American life enthralled her — so much that she became a U.S. citizen as soon as she was eligible. Contacts the Van der Kemps shared with her soon resulted in a job answering letters at Gourmet magazine. After a year, Mark Cherniavsky, a young diplomat she'd met in Paris, asked her to marry him, and his job at the World Bank led the couple to Washington, where the food editor of The Washington Star was retiring.

Willan persuaded the paper to hire her and she immediately began to redefine the position, tossing out press releases that had masqueraded as stories. Instead, she wrote articles that interested her. Later, as a freelancer in Washington, she wrote regularly for the Food section of The Washington Post. Then, when Cherniavsky's job led them to England, she was selected to edit (always on deadline) a 72-part cooking series for the American market, published in the United States as the "Grand Diplome Cooking Course." "Life has been like that ever since," she says, of her continual books-in-progress.

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For further information contact the City of Pittsburgh Leisure Services Department at (925) 252-4842, or check out our Festivals web page at <http://www.pittsburghcaus/festivals/index.html>

In addition to the above, the 2000 Festival will feature two stages of continuous music from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., an Artisan's Faire, expanded children's area with their own entertainment stage, and Blues CD give-aways.

There will also be a Micro-Brew and Budweiser beer garden where attendees, 21 years of age and older with proper identification, can purchase micro-brew beer and ale, Budweiser, and wine.

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Recorded over two weeks in January 1999 at Arlyn Studios in Austin, Texas, and produced by Alligator Records president Bruce Igaier, Tary Owens and Jon Fosse, Lone Star Shootout features Brooks, Hunter and Walker along with Port Arthur blues patriarch Ervin Charles, delivering inspired performances of old and new songs echoing the sounds of Port Arthur.

During the recording sessions, the three friends spent hours recalling their years of stealing each other's licks, audiences, girlfriends and, as Brooks put it, "remembering all of the old lies." Just like in their Port Arthur days, Brooks, Hunter and Walker all did their best to cut each other to shreds in their old spirit of friendly competition.

Because of the good times everyone had recording Lone

Star Shootout Brooks, Hunter and Walker teamed up during the summer and fall of 1999 for select festival performances. This has undoubtedly become the "don't miss, must-see" blues show of the year, as the three legends travel the country, shooting it out live on stage. The "never-before" nature of these dates - along with the unprecedented fan and critical excitement about Lone Star Shootout - guarantees high energy, foot stomping, good-time Texas blues.

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3:30 p.m. Red Archibald & the Internationals

Marina Stage

12:00 p.m. Motorbude Zydeco
1:30 p.m. Andy Santana & the West Coast Playboys
3:00 p.m. Bay Area Blues Society
4:30 p.m. E.C. Scott & Smoke
6:30 p.m. The Tommy Castro Band

Sunday, May 28, 2000

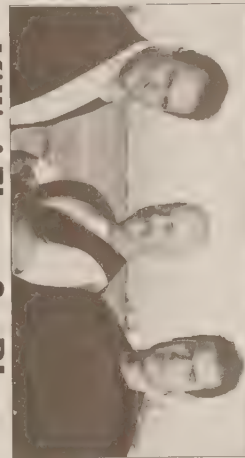
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12:00 p.m. Terry Blinks & Company Gospel Hour
1:30 p.m. Johnny Nocturne w/ Kim Nalley
3:00 p.m. Lady Blanca
4:30 p.m. Little Jimmy King
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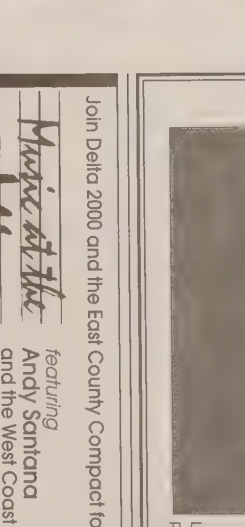
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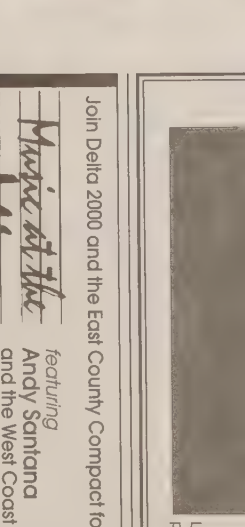
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Restaurant Tour Success

by Diane Galt, Staff Writer

The heat didn't deter 350 diners from the restaurant tour that 14 Pittsburg restaurants had to offer on Sunday. May 21 during the second annual Pride of Pittsburgh Restaurant Tour sponsored by the City and the Chamber of Commerce. The event was a sellout!

Each restaurant wanted to spotlight its specialty and trying to just taste a little wasn't easy with the array of goodies offered.

Diners could start anywhere on the tour and Tri Delta Transit provided shuttle buses to take them from play to place. The air-conditioned buses were a nice retreat from the heat.

Catching their card punched at all 14 restaurants gave tour participants a chance at the grand prize of \$1000 and dinner for six.

Following are the restaurants and what they served:

- Liberty Hotel:** Flambé desserts, a choice of Strawberries jubilee or Bananas Foster.
- Cafe Cardinale:** Pizza, which is new item, and sandwiches and salads.
- Cafe Mecca:** Mexican foods, four kinds of burritos, quesadillas, chips and salsa, tacos, tamales, enchilada and chicken wings.
- Railroad Espresso:** Two kinds of gourmet coffee and pastries.
- Michael's International:** Chicken crawdads, deviled eggs, ribs, shrimp, pasta and pork.
- El Salvadoreno:** Pupusas, which is masa dough filled with meat, cheese, and vegetables or just cheese, pounded flat and grilled. Marinated Ribs and salad.
- Venticello:** Salad focaccia and Pollo Al Carrofi (sauteed chicken with olive oil, garlic, fresh artichoke in marsala wine sauce), and lemonade!
- C&C BBQ:** Potato salad, chicken, ribs, and warm peach cobbler.
- Zandonella's:** Fruit punch, tortellini with pesto, rigatoni with a mushroom red sauce and chicken.
- Smokey Pete's Bar & Grill:** Signature dessert, bread pudding with bourbon sauce. Fresh vegetables and dip, olive-oil-crusted potatoes, and red sauce, water chocolate cupcakes, ice water.
- Char Broiler:** Railroad. Baked salmon, rice pilaf, crab mushroom caps, champagne chicken, and iced tea or water.
- Viva Mexico:** Mexican specialties with warm tortilla chips. Included were taquitos, rice and guacamole. Cold lemonade.
- Papa Murphy's:** Chicago style gourmet chicken garlic and pepperoni, plus a coupon to come back for more.
- By Dining:** Two kinds of homemade soup (minestrone and tortilla) and salad with three homemade dressing choices.

Whatever else, everyone on Sunday's tour agreed that it was well worth the \$10 charge.

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The class is considerably more than just her recipes: Willan's approach is part cooking expertise, part

travelogue (a slide show plus running commentary on the chateau and its denizens) and part update on what's fashionable in French cooking these days.

Some teaching is hands-on; trays of ingredients and their generic relatives (different kinds of onions, honeys, goat cheeses) are passed around. Some is embedded in the secrets she shares: "There's nothing worse than a crispy leek, but don't cover them when they cook. And do cover root vegetables"; "Hands are the perfect implements for mixing cakes"; "Once you add sugar to egg yolks, you must beat them right away."

Willan has been the proprietor of

La Varenne since 1975, when she realized her dream of opening a cooking school that taught classic French cooking in English. It was a daring thing to do, but she felt there was a ready market.

"I'd been planning it for some time," she says. "The Cordon Bleu lacked a lot — written recipes, translations, any welcome to foreigners or any interpretation that made

French culture available. We even thought we'd get French students. But, of course, we didn't."

In fact, that first year the school attracted very few students. Then, in 1976, a freelance journalist managed to interest Time magazine on a story on the school, and an illustrated piece ran in the issue between Christmas and New Year's Eve. By the beginning of 1977, there were 10

students.

The teaching was always done by French chefs (with simultaneous translation). Willan insisted on it. "The French explore cooking in more breadth and depth than anyone except the Chinese," she says. "Besides, why bother going to France to learn cooking unless you learn

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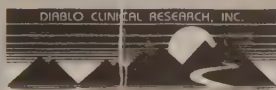
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French

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... unless you learn French cooking? One can have a French chef? In the subject, but the chefs are not the same as they will be from (say) the baker who has been using French flour and French ingredients and selling to French people.

... unpaid trainees called stagiaires are an integral part of Willan's kitchen. I couldn't have done it without them," she says, pointing out that the stagiaires are not in France. Stagiaires are not paid, and that she's careful to credit them in the books they've worked on.

... We have always made it very clear that we just want our stagiaires to expect to gain — essentially

a total immersion in French cooking and the food world — and what, in return, we expect from them — a good deal of hard work."

And indeed, some of her books have been incredibly ambitious undertakings, such as the "Look & Cook" series (which emerged a volume at a time every two months for three years between 1992 and 1995) and "La Varenne Pratique," a virtual encyclopedia of cooking and cooking techniques. Others, like "In & Out of the Kitchen in 15 Minutes or Less" (1995) or "Anne Willan's Desserts and Pastries" (1988), are more modest.

Her favorite is the out-of-print "Regional French Cooking," whose primary researchers and editors were Faye Levy (the recipes) and Elisabeth Evans (the text). Her current book, which revolves around life at the Chateau du Fey, is perhaps her most personal.

Usually La Varenne trainees ei-

ther primarily worked in the kitchen and translated for the teaching chefs or focused on research and writing for the books as well as testing recipes; some did both. Today an impressive number of them write well-regarded cookbooks, cook in respected restaurant kitchens and populate the staffs of major food magazines and newspaper food sections. One recent trainee, Amanda Hesser, now a reporter for The New York Times, wrote the award-winning "The Cook and the Gardener" based on her experience at Chateau du Fey and particularly her relationship with the chateau's crusty gardener, Monsieur Milbert, who also appears in Willan's book.

Most trainees regard the La Varenne experience as essential to their culinary knowledge and careers. "I was a slave, but I chose to be," says Karen Kaplan, editor of the Collector's Editions at Bon Appetit magazine. "We were ripping the guts

out of chickens and translating for chefs and writing her books with no heating or air conditioning. But without that experience I don't think I could have done what I did."

Chef Ris Lacoste didn't even plan a culinary career when she wandered into the school, looking for job leads that would let her stay in Paris for a while. Soon she was a part-time typist and then the full-time receptionist in exchange for an attic room, lunch and a place at the school's nine-month program.

"In a situation where I didn't have a cent to my name, it was an unbelievable opportunity," she says. "We started at 6 in the morning, and didn't get to eat dinner until 10 at night. I never thought I would be a cook, but I loved it. I learned I had a passion and real love for food."

Many La Varenne graduates came there specifically because of the unique opportunity to live in France and study French cooking in English.

Judith Hill, now editor in chief of Food & Wine Books, was a trainee at La Varenne in 1978 and then joined the staff as its director of publications until 1983. "The school gave us all a very good grounding in food," she says. "And that's very, very important. But there it's especially wonderful because it's not just the school but all of France that can get your taste buds in order. You see the markets, you buy food, and you learn how perfect a pear or chicken can be when it's produced by people who are passionate about what they grow."

For Susan Herrmann Loomis, the author of five cookbooks including the new "Italian Farmhouse Cookbook," the La Varenne experience was life-altering as well. "For Americans, cooking is often recreational," says Loomis, who was an interested but self-taught cook before going there. "We have a tendency to take a bunch of ingredients and go into the kitchen and play, but it doesn't

always give the most rounded results. The school opened up the very ordered, very rigid world of French cuisine to me. If a recipe has five steps, you can't do step 5 before step 1 — you have to do all the steps to get the result you're looking for. I had to unlearn a lot of what I thought I knew."

Willan's approach continues to have a major impact. "This kind of once-removed impact is the ideal of every teacher — a lasting influence," she says. "I like to think I can recognize La Varenne training, whether in a kitchen or in books and magazines, and that makes me enormously proud."

She never seems at a loss for a new subject.

"Nobody has written a book on cooking with wine in a while," she says. "I'm very organized," she says. "I can focus entirely on a project, and I'm good at allotting my time. I like to do things right."

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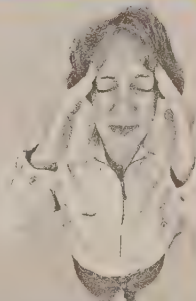
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Whether charcoal or gas, it's time to fire up the grill

By Susan Selasky
KNIGHT RIDER NEWSPAPERS

Oh, how Americans love the great outdoors.

Last year, we headed there to fire up our back-yard grills an estimated 3.1 billion times, according to the Barbecue Industry Association.

And most of the time, it seems, those fires burned blue. The industry group says gas grills have the edge these days in the United States — about 60 percent of grill owners opt for gas and 50 percent for charcoal. (Some folks, of course, own both.)

But while Americans are going for gas in greater numbers, the great debate over which grill makes the best-tasting food sizzles on.

Some aficionados say only charcoal can impart the great grilled flavor we crave.

They don't care that charcoal fires take forever to start and are messier to maintain.

Nearly three-fourths of those surveyed recently by the Weber-Stephen Products Co., makers of Weber grills, said they think they can tell the difference between foods cooked on the two types of grills.

But Weber also says repeated blind tests show most people can't really taste the difference.

You'll never convince Len Kron-

man of that. The grilling teacher and former owner of Natural Grilling and Fuels, an equipment and charcoal manufacturer in Winchester, Mass., believes the differences are more than perceived.

Not only do foods cooked over charcoal taste different but they also have a different mouth feel because they are moister, Kronman says.

"The moistness comes from higher heat, from charcoal being able to sear the food better, sealing in the interior juices," says Kronman, who

is accredited to teach grilling and smoking techniques by the American Culinary Federation in St. Augustine, Fla., which certifies chefs. "It's that extra heat that closes the pores of the food to make certain it retains the maximum amount of moisture."

We decided to throw more fuel on the fire and do our own small taste test by using the three most popular grilling foods — steak, hamburger and chicken. We used a propane gas-fueled grill and a kettle-style grill

fired by ordinary charcoal briquettes started without lighter fluid.

We grilled the food two ways: seasoned lightly with salt and pepper, and marinated in various sauces. We tried to keep the cooking times as equal as possible. In the end, our

four tasters thought they detected differences, but they didn't always agree on which grill produced the tastiest differences.

The field was evenly divided over the lightly seasoned New York strip steaks, for instance.

Two preferred the steaks, saying they liked the and light smoky taste. They preferred the charcoal grill, saying their smoky!

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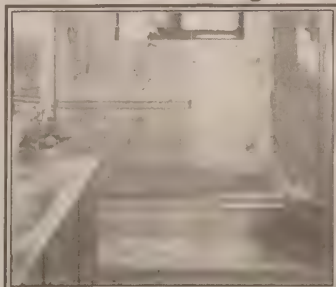
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Grill
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and the meat was juicier. The tasters split again on the boneless chicken breasts, though the tasters did like both versions as moist and good looking as the other.

hamburger, though, there was a clear favorite. The ones cooked on charcoal got everyone's highest marks for juiciness and flavor.

It came to the marinated steaks, the tasters thought the flavors masked any differences from cooking on the two grills. And overall, the tasters seemed to be a key in the votes. And overall, the tasters seemed to be a key in the votes.

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structor at Schoolcraft College in Livonia, Mich., and owner of the Farm Restaurant in Port Austin, Mich., says either type of grill can impart a great grilled flavor.

"That's... produced when juices drip on the coals" or lava rocks, Gabriel says. "It's not a charcoal flavor but a grill flavor."

Gabriel prefers grilling over hardwood charcoal, which he thinks produces a better flavor than regular charcoal. But Gabriel also likes the convenience and cleanliness of gas.

"You will get more of a woody flavor with hardwood charcoal," he says. "And with the average charcoal, I think you will get a little more flavor than with gas."

Our informal taste test aside, one thing is clear: This is the time to get fired up for a summer of good grilling. Today's recipes for mari-

Asking for Apple Brown Betty

By Ellen Hawks
THE BALTIMORE SUN

Daryl Olson of Powell Butte, Ore., requested an Apple Brown Betty recipe, which "was made with brown sugar sauce that caramelized and did not have milk or eggs." His response came from Cindy Smithson of Baltimore, who wrote, "This recipe is on a wooden plaque in my kitchen and I hope this is what he is looking for."

Freya Sponseller of Hanover, Pa., wrote she was desperately looking for a lasagna recipe she had before her house burned.

"It has shredded carrots, hamburger, oregano and garlic and a mixture of Parmesan and cottage

cheese and an egg."

Beth Hunter of Timonium, Md., responded with a recipe she wrote "has been in our family for several generations and is quite a favorite."

APPLE BROWN BETTY

1/4 cup melted butter
2 cups fresh bread cubes or crumbs
1/2 cup brown sugar
1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
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Food Notes

By Suzanne Loudermilk
THE BALTIMORE SUN

WHITE TEA: It seems like an oxymoron — white tea

But this rare, fragrant tea from China — which actually brews to a golden hue — soon may become as familiar to Americans as green tea for its disease-inhibiting properties

Last week, researchers at the American Chemical Society's national meeting in San Francisco presented evidence that white tea may have the strongest potential of all teas for fighting cancer.

A COOL BLEND: As the weather warms, cool drinks beckon. Try this Great Grape Smoothie from the California Table Grape Commission to quench your thirst. Combine 1 cup seedless grapes, 1/2 cup each frozen cherries and strawberries, and 1/2 cup each peeled and sliced orange and banana in a blender; process until smooth. Serves 2.

LEEK TECHNIQUE: Love leeks but hate to clean them? Here's a technique from a recent Williams-Sonoma catalog: Remove tough green tops of leeks

Cut through leek about 1/2 inch above the root. Slice leek in half lengthwise, then crosswise into 1/2-inch pieces. Place chopped leeks in a large bowl of cold water and swish to rinse off dirt, which will fall to the bottom of the bowl. Lift leeks out with a strainer and discard water. Repeat until water is clear, then drain leeks well.

JUICY BURGERS: Hamburger season is here, and this month's Food & Wine magazine tells readers how to keep burgers juicy on the grill. A light touch is important when forming the patties, it says, because over-handling the meat makes it tough. Also, the mag advises, don't press down the burgers with a spatula while cooking. That squeezes out all the juices.

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A definitive, delicious guide to egg cookery

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Barbara Simmons, columnist for Bon Appetit magazine and award-winning cookbook author, was chatting with a couple of fellow food lovers about favorite memories when she realized that one of her own fondest memories centered on eggs. That was the inspiration for her new book, "The Good Egg" (Mifflin, hardcover \$26). Simmons rhapsodizes about Saturday mornings as a child and Sunday mornings as an adult, when there was no school bus and her mother would cook an omelet and present it to her in a colorful Mexican eggcup. Alongside there were strips of buttered toast lined up like little soldiers. With my tiny spoon, I'd carefully tap, tap, tap the top of the shell until the egg was shattered.

I'd peel away the flakes of shell carefully (the outside of the egg was white, then, with the spoon, I'd reach for the toast fingers start dipping. As I savored the salty butter dripping from the toast, Mom let me dawdle over the toast, a rare luxury reserved for weekend mornings.

Simmons, who lives near San Francisco, spent three years writing the book. She covers the basic cooking techniques for eggs and presents a delectable collection of more than 235 recipes explicit enough for even novice cooks.

Over the past several decades, Simmons says, "the egg had fallen out of favor with health experts."

But, she finds, "The latest dietary research shows that eating eggs in moderate amounts as part of a balanced diet — even every day — is healthy."

But because of that earlier egg phobia there is at least one generation, perhaps even two, that never learned how to properly cook, prepare or enjoy eggs, Simmons says.

That's one reason why she carefully explains how to cook every type of egg recipe and often offers her own variation of a classic.

For example, a chapter called "Seductively Stuffed Eggs" features a recipe for Old-Fashioned Deviled Eggs, plus Curried Stuffed Eggs, Avocado and Jalapeno Stuffed Eggs and Chipotle Chile Stuffed Eggs.

I tried three recipes from "The Good Egg" and all were delicious.

Broccoli and Provolone Quiche has an excellent flavor. To save time, I tested this recipe using a prepared pie crust. The filling was wonderful. However, next time, I would make the crust from scratch or at the very least buy a deep-dish pie crust so that the filling covers the tender edges of the broccoli (instead of spilling over in the oven).

Simmons includes directions for quiche without a crust. She prefaces her section on quiches with Julia Child's plea, "Bring back the quiche" — one of various quotes about eggs she scatters through the book.

I love stratas (baked bread and custard dishes), especially since we always seem to have a loaf of day-old bread on hand. The Leek, Sun-dried Tomato and Brie Strata is out of the ordinary and flavorful enough to please anyone as a main course for lunch, brunch or dinner.

Simmons's recipe for Roasted Red Pepper and Italian Sausage Frittata combines some of my favorite flavors. But be advised: Use a nonstick skillet. I was visiting my mother when I tested this recipe and did not have the right-size nonstick skillet. So I used a regular pan.

Thanks, Mom, for scrubbing the pan

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sour cream or vanilla ice cream for serving.

Toss butter with bread cubes and set aside. Mix sugar, spices and lemon rind. In a buttered 8-inch-square baking dish or 7-inch round casserole, arrange two layers of crumbs, apples and sugar mixture, reserving one-third of the crumbs. Spoon on combined lemon juice and hot water. Top with remaining crumbs. Bake in a preheated 375-degree oven, covered, for 30 minutes.

Uncover and bake for another 30 minutes.

Serve topped with sour cream or vanilla ice cream; serves 4 to 6.

Tester Laura Reiley's comments: "The brown sugar, lemon juice and apple drippings commingle and darken, leaving a deeply caramelized juice that moistens the whole thing.

The bread cubes soften into a gooey cake that holds the apples together. Altogether, it is like an American version of a caramelized tarte Tatin, with a crisp top of toasted bread cubes."

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3 cloves minced garlic
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3 cups creamy, small-curd cottage cheese
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
2 beaten eggs
10 ounces lasagna noodles
1 pound mozzarella cheese, sliced thinly or grated

Saute ground beef in a skillet until all red is gone. Drain thoroughly and remove from pan. Heat olive oil in skillet and add garlic. When garlic is fragrant, but not browned, add the oregano, bay leaf, thyme and carrots. Continue to saute until carrots just begin to smell sweet, but not brown, about 5 to 8 minutes. Return ground beef to pan and add tomatoes and paste, stirring frequently until well combined.

Allow to simmer while noodles are being cooked and cheese layer is prepared. In a small bowl, combine cottage cheese, Parmesan cheese, parsley and beaten eggs.

Bring 6 quarts of water to boil, add noodles and cook until al dente, about 10 minutes. (Also may use noodles that do not need to be cooked.) Drain carefully. Lightly grease a 9-inch-by-13-inch baking dish. Place cooked noodles in a sin-

gle layer, about three across, top with meat sauce, then cheese mixture and sliced mozzarella cheese. Continue making layers until dish is full, ending with mozzarella cheese. Cover and bake in preheated 375-degree oven for 45 minutes. Uncover and bake an additional 15 to 20 minutes until the top is browned. Allow to cool 10 minutes before serving. Serves 9-10.

Reiley's comments: "This is a serious, dense lasagna. It is filling and hearty, with good herbal flavor and intense tomato sweetness.

The ingredients seem to match the request exactly, although there's not enough carrot to really flavor the

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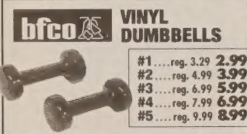


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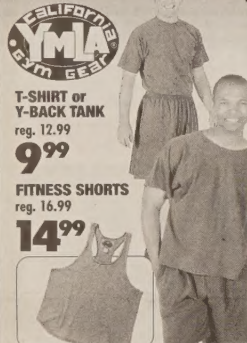


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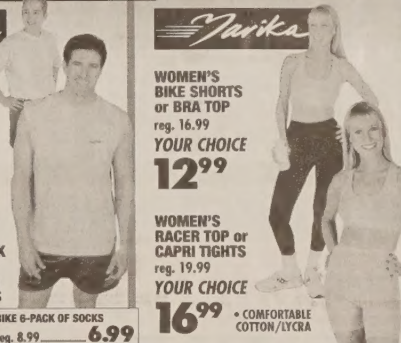
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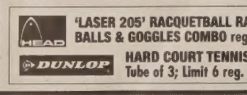
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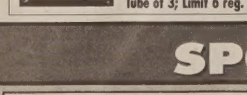
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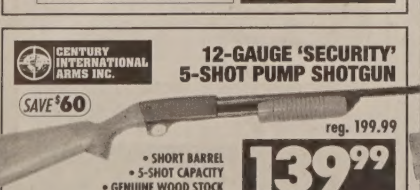
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